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A sketch book, containing some accounts, of  
 a whaling voyage, in the ship, "Thomas Dickason,"  
 commanded, by Captain, James Stuart, who sailed  
 from New Bedford, October sixteenth, 1860, bound  
 to the N Pacific Ocean, after everything which  
 will produce oil, whether it be whales, porpoises, or spouts.  
 Written, by D. Wood Bralley, of N Rochester Mass.  
 This book, also contains many vagaries, not usually found  
 in a legitimate "Ship's Log." But that, is of no  
 consequence, to the casual reader, for this book, is not  
 intended, for the vulgar gaze, of the public at Large.

On Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1860, left county street  
 New Bedford, for the wharf. (per "Pony Express")  
 where, the yacht "Effort" then lay, awaiting the pleasure  
 of the captain, pilot, &c. About nine o'clock  
 A.M., embarked on board, and sailed down the  
 river, nearly, to Clark's point, where the "Thomas  
 Dickason" then laid, awaiting, our arrival, with cable  
 "hove short," sails set, and yards counterbraced.  
 On our arrival on board of the vessel, which was  
 about ten o'clock A.M., we found, that the third  
 officer had not rendered himself on board. The  
 captain, after waiting about an hour without avail,  
 took the anchor, and proceeded to sea without him.  
 The wind being unfavorable, we had to beat out  
 of the bay, to clear the land. Between four and  
 five o'clock P.M., (his further services being  
 deemed unnecessary) the pilot, accompanied by four  
 landsmen friends, left us, to pursue the "even tenor  
 of our way," rejoicing, or sorrowing, as the case may be.  
 So, well bid adieu, to home, friends, and country,  
 for a season, hoping, to see them all again, in the  
 shortest possible term of banishment, to which exiled  
 whalers are virtually sentenced. "So mote it be."

D. Wood Bralley.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason October 1860

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

All hands engaged at stowing the anchors &c.  
Saw several vessels One of <sup>which</sup> we signalized proving  
her to be a Hamburg ship bound to the westward

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

A moderate southerly wind Close hauled on  
the Starboard tack Course S E One sail  
in sight Latitude thirtyseven degrees north

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

A moderate breeze from the southward and  
westward Steering southeast by east

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

A light wind from the eastward Heading S E  
by S on the larboard tack Lat 29 N Lon 40-41 W

## The Beauty Of True Confidence

Better trust all, and be deceived,  
And weep that trust and that deceiving,  
Than doubt a heart; that, if believed,  
Had blest one's life with true believing.  
O! in this working world, too fast,  
The doubting fiend overtakes our youth,  
Better be cheated to the last,  
Than lose the blessed hope of truth.

When there is love in the heart, there are  
rainbows in the eyes, which cover every  
black cloud with gorgeous hues.

Any feeling that takes a man away from  
his home, is a traitor to the household  
The trust self-respect is not to think of self.  
Wm. W. Beecher.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason November 1860

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

A moderate southwesterly wind Steering southeast by east Latitude 26 N Longitude 31 west nearly

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

We have just got what we call the northeast trade wind. Steering south Set up the mizzen rigging One sail in sight Our latitude is twentythree north and our longitude corresponds with that of the Cape Verde Islands

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Steady northeast trades Steering S S W Saw several of the Cape Verde islands including Salt Bonavista May and St. Jago The central latitude of this group is about fifteen north and longitude twentyfour west

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeast trades Steering S by E Saw several schools of blackfish Lowered for them But they being shy we could not strike

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds Course south by east In the evening experienced copious showers accompanied with thunder and lightning in such quantities as to be literally stupefying

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light baffling winds and occasional rain squalls Our course is south by west No observation of the sun

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

A moderate variable wind with occasional squalls of rain Course S by W Lowered for blackfish Latitude four degrees and 20 minutes S



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickinson November,

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

A light southerly wind On the western tack  
In the evening lowered two boats for blackfish  
and succeeded in taking one Whilst the boats  
were down carried away the foretopgallant yard

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

At moderate southeast trade wind  
Heading southwest Signalized an English  
bargue bound to the northward Engaged  
at boiling the blackfish and making a  
foretopgallant yard

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Strong southeast trades Heading S W  
Crossed the equinoctial line in longitude  
about twenty two west and found  
Old Neptune, the God of the Sea,  
rather remiss in his duty. For he  
did not deign to honor us with his presence

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong southeast trade wind  
Steering southwest by south Caught  
a cowfish and a blackfish But the  
sharks ate the cowfish before it was dead

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Strong southeast trades Steering S W  
Sent aloft the foretopgallant yard and sail

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

At moderate southeast trade wind  
Steering southwest Engaged at  
boiling the blackfish which  
we caught on the twentyfifth



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson November 1840

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with a moderate southeast trade wind. Steering southwest by west. Constructed a temporary forge for the blacksmiths use.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable southeast trades with light rain squalls. Steering southwest by west. Saw a vessel to the windward. Our latitude is about fifteen degrees south of the equator. And our longitude is about thirty three degrees west of the meridian of Greenwich.

Do Not Say That Life Is Waning

Do not say that life is waning,  
Or that Hope's sweet day is set;  
While I've thee and love remaining,  
Life is in the horizon yet.

Do not think those charms are flying,  
Though thy roses fade and fall;  
Beauty hath a grace undying,  
Which in thee survives them all.

Not for charms, the newest, brightest,  
That on other cheeks may shine,  
Would I change the least, the slightest,  
That is lingering now on thine.

Thomas Moore.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson December 1860

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A light southeast trade wind Steering south south-west Today is one of the most beautiful days that I ever beheld or that it is often the lot of mortals to witness Latitude eighteen degrees and thirty minutes south Longitude thirty six degrees west

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

A moderate northeasterly breeze Steering southwest by south I lowered for whales which we supposed to be sperm whales at the time but found on a nearer approach to them that they were humpback Latitude 22° S Longitude 37-30 west

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

A strong northerly wind Steering southwest by south

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with a light southeasterly wind Steering southwest by south A black clipper barque which had the appearance of being an American merchantman ran within about one quarter of a mile from us She was steering a northwesterly course

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Blowing fresh from the southward and westward By the wind on the starboard tack I carrying double reefed fore and main topsail There is quite a perceptible change in the weather since yesterday It looks like Rio De La Plata and begins to smell similar to Cape Horn



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason December 1860.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with a moderate northeasterly wind. Steering southwest by south & our latitude is about thirtyfour° and thirty' south.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant with a moderate northerly breeze. Steering southwest by south. Bent a new fore staysail. Our latitude is thirty six degrees and forty two minutes south.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

A strong variable southwesterly wind. Working along on whichever tack she will lay the nearest to her course, which is southwest. Latitude thirtynine south.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a moderate gale from the southward and westward. On opposite <sup>tacks</sup>, occasionally as the wind happens to veer or haul. Sighted a Hamburg ship Lat 40 south.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

A moderate variable southwesterly wind. Working along to the best advantage to the windward. Our course is southwest by west.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Worse part spicing west southwest. Latter part by the wind on the starboard tack. Saw several light green spots in the water which resembled shoals. Latitude fortyone twentyfive Longitude 50 20



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Gibson Decmber 1860.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Forepart moderate variable breezes  
Latter part a strong northwesterly wind  
Steering southwest. Carrying double reefed  
fore and main topsails and foresail  
Latitude fortythree south

Sat Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Blowing a gale from the southward  
and westward Under short sail  
No observation today

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

In the morning a light westerly wind  
In the middle of the day a strong  
northerly wind Steering west southwest  
In the afternoon laying to under close  
reefed maintopail fore topmast staysail  
and main spencer On the southern tack

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a moderate northerly gale On the  
western tack Carrying three close reefed  
topsails fore and mainmast staysails  
I commemorated the day by cutting Helen's hair  
which she gave me before sailing. They were  
in a state of good preservation Latitude  
fortyfour thirtythree south of the parallel  
of the equatorial line Longitude fifty  
seven degrees and twentyseven minutes west of  
the meridian of Greenwich

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a strong southwesterly gale  
Laying to on the starboard tack under a  
close reefed maintopail fore and mainmast  
staysail and main spencer  
Latitude fortyfive fiftyeight south



Remarks on board ship Thomas Cicham December 1866

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

A strong whole sail breeze from the southward and westward. By the wind on the starboard tack. Latitude forty eight fifteen south.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

There is a light westerly wind. In the afternoon a moderate northerly wind. Steering west south west. I struck four porpoises and saved one of them. Latitude forty nine ten south.

### The Dying Year.

"Come! you power!—like a rushing wave,  
Another year has burst upon the shore  
Of earthly being—and its last low tones,  
Wandering in broken accents on the air,  
Are dying to an echo."

"One year goes and another comes. The sun goes but to rise again. Man dies but lives again, and that forever. Yet the close of the year, as the close of life, is often filled with sad thoughts, as if it were the end of pleasures and not, as it is, the morning of a bright future, the dawn of a glorious day. In the future is life—the present is ours as the partial output of years of life to come."



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason January 1861.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

A moderate northeasterly wind stirring to the southward off of the west coast of the Falkland Islands. It is quite cold for the time and place. Set up the cabin stove and made a fire.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A moderate southerly wind. On the starboard tack sighted Staten Island. There are three vessels in sight - spoke the bark Norman of Nantucket.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

A strong westerly wind. On the starboard tack sighted a French merchantman also the bark Charles D. Edwards, whaler of Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Blowing strong from the westward. On the southern tack with close reefed topsails Latitude fifty seven twenty Longitude 65° 30' west.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Wind from the northward and westward. On the starboard tack Latitude fifty eight thirty south Longitude seventy three thirty six west.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Strong southwesterly winds with some sleet. The weather has been much the same during the past week with the wind more westerly and more of it. On the starboard tack with double reefed topsails and courses. Bent a new main topsail.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson January 1861.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Blowing strong from the southward, and westward, with squalls of snow, carrying close reefed, topsails, on both decks. Whilst reefing the maintop sail, Lawrence Carpenter, of 'Iron, Pennsylvania', and John H. Billings, of 'T. Galea, Ohio', seamen, fell from the maintop sail yard, to the deck. Injuring them so badly, as to cause death in about two hours.  
Latitude,  $54^{\circ}40'$  S. Longitude,  $164^{\circ}8'$  west.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
A strong, southwesterly, wind. Steering west north west part of the day.  
Read the funeral service over the remains of our deceased shipmates, and consigned them to the mighty deep.  
Latitude, and longitude, the same as yesterday.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
A moderate southwesterly wind. Steering north west. Spoke the ship 'Wild Pigeon' of W. York and last from the coast of Chili.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Cloudy with some fog, and a moderate westerly wind. Steering north northwest. Lowered for right whales. Latitude fifty seven south. Longitude eighty west.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
A light southerly wind. Steering north west. Sent aloft the fore and mizen royal yards and sails. Latitude thirty nine forty south. Longitude seventy seven four ten west.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson January 1861

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

A moderate breeze from about south southwest  
Steering northwest. Saw several whales  
known to whalers by the name of the  
sulphur bottom. Lowered for the purpose  
of shooting them with a bomb lance but did  
not succeed. Latitude thirtyeight thirtyfive S

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

A moderate breeze from about south southwest  
Steering northwest. Sent aloft the foremast  
studding sail boom and set the sail  
Latitude 36° 10' S Longitude 79° 57' west

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

A moderate southerly wind. Steering northwest  
to north. Sighted the island of Massafuera.  
The latitude and longitude of which is about  
thirtythree fortyfive S and eighty fortyfive west.

## Ode Of Anacreon

One day the Muses turned the hands  
Of infant Love with flowing bands;  
And to celestial Beauty gave

The captive infant for her slave.

His mother comes, with many a toy,  
To ransom her beloved boy;

His mother sees, but all in vain—

He never will leave his chains again,

Even should they take his chains away.

The little captive still would stay.

"If this," he cries, "a bondage be,

Oh, who could wish for liberty?"

Thomas Moore.



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Remarks on board Ship Thomas Dickason. February 1861.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> A light southerly wind Off the northwest  
end of the island of Juan Fernandez The  
latitude of which is about thirty three forty five  
south Longitude seventy nine west  
Two boats went on a fishing excursion and  
caught between two and three barrels of fish

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> A light southerly wind with foggy squalls  
Steering north by east Saw a Humpback  
whale Latitude twenty seven fifty five south  
Longitude seventy seven fifty three west

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with a light southerly wind  
Steering north Engaged at cooping salted  
provisions Latitude twenty two twenty two  
south Longitude seventy six nine west

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> A light southerly wind Steering northwest  
by west Employed at repairing sails  
Latitude 17° 02' S Longitude 77° 28' west

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> A light southeast trade wind Steering  
northwest by west Engaged at repairing sails  
Latitude by the sun's meridian altitude  
seventeen two south Longitude by chronom-  
eter seventy nine degrees and six minutes west

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Fine weather with a light southeast trade  
wind Steering westnorthwest  
Latitude fourteen thirty three south  
Longitude eighty two forty four west



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson February 1862

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

A light southeast trade wind Steering west northwest The chief mate caught a sperm whale Latitude thirteen twenty three S Longitude about eighty four west



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Cruising for sperm whales. Spoke the bark of New Bedford Finished boiling the whale which we caught on the thirteenth It made about forty barrels of oil

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with a moderate southeast trade wind Steering northwest by west Saw large quantities of flying fish Latitude ten degrees south and Longitude about eighty six degrees west

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades Steering west by north Latitude nine south Longitude ninety one six west

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades Steering west by north Latitude eight degrees south Longitude 94-34 W. Lowered for blackfish

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Moderate southeast trades Steering west by north Latitude seven thirteen south Longitude ninety seven one west



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson February 1861

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fine and pleasant with moderate southeast trades Steering west Our latitude is about five, thirty, south Longitude 102-26 W

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades Steering west by south Latitude four thirty five south Longitude one hundred and eight, nine, W

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

A very light, variable, southeasterly wind. Steering west. At five, P.M., lowered for sperm whales. Latitude four, fifty, south.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

A moderate southeast trade wind At nine o'clock A.M. raised a school of sperm whales four miles to the windward of the ship Beat to the windward, until about three P.M. And then lowered for them Latitude 4-48 south



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason March 1861

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A moderate southeast trade wind Steering west-southwest Latitude four twenty south Longitude 114-38 west

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades Steering north-west Latitude three thirty south Longitude one hundred and eighteen twenty-four

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades Steering N.W. Crossed the equinoctial line in longitude about one hundred and twenty-two thirty west

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly wind Steering north-west Caught a porpoise Latitude two forty north Longitude one hundred and twenty-six 59 W

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Strong northeast trades Steering north-west by west Hauled the mizzen royal for the first time on account of the force of wind since the 28<sup>th</sup> of January Latitude 5-03 north Longitude 128-50 west

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Strong northeast trades Steering N.W. by W Latitude 8-19 N Longitude 134-01 west

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Strong northeast trade wind Steering north-east by west Our latitude is twelve degrees north of the equator and our longitude is one hundred and forty degrees fifty minutes west of Greenwich



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason March 1861

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
A moderate northeast trade wind Steering west northwest Latitude fifteen thirty north Longitude 146 thirty five west

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
A moderate northeast trade wind Steering west northwest Latitude 17 degrees and 36 minutes north Longitude 150 degrees and 36 minutes west

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate northeast trades Steering west-northwest Sighted Hawaii one of the Sandwich Islands at six o'clock et al. Took a pilot about five o'clock P.M. and came to an anchor in the harbor of Hilo, in seven fathoms of water, at ten P.M.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Forepart and middle fine weather latter part rainy Engaged at painting the outside of the ship

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Fine weather One watch is on shore by permission The other employed getting water on board &c

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
About two o'clock P.M. the pilot came on board and took us out of the harbor Whilst we were at Hilo we lost a seaman by desertion and shipped ~~eight~~<sup>seven</sup> native seamen and one boatsteerer Also reshipped the fourth officer as third officer and one of the boatsteerers as fourth officer Between four and five P.M. the captain came on board and the pilot left Steering north northwest Wind northeast



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason March 1861

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Laying off and on at Kawaihau Hawaii  
Took on board seventy barrels of potatoes  
A light westerly wind. Saw 11 men  
About six o'clock P.M. the captain came on board  
and laid a course for Honolulu Course N by E

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeast trades. Passed in sight of the  
intermediate islands between Hawaii and Oahu  
And arrived off the harbor at the latter name  
place at four o'clock P.M. Captain Stewart went on shore  
and sent the boat back to the ship without letters  
which were not to be obtained on account of the  
temporary absence of the postmaster

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

Sent a boat in in the morning for letters I  
received eight and six newspapers I have written  
eight letters. The following persons are the intended  
recipients. Lizzie B. Braler Russell Braler  
J. R. Braler J. W. Braler S. Williams H. H. Trapp  
William A. Ashby & George W. Greenman



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason April 1861

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Sailed from Honolulu intending to touch at  
Kauai. From there bound to the Arctic Ocean  
I predict that we obtain a fair amount of ail the  
ensuing season. Steering to the northward and westward

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saw Kauai and Oahu and passed to  
to the northward of them at E Trades  
Steering a westerly course

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeast trades Steering west  
by south. Passed in sight of and to the  
southward of Bird's Island. The latitude  
and longitude of which according to Bowditch's  
Navigator is  $23^{\circ}05'$  N  $161^{\circ}49'$  west

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeast trades Steering  
west. Latitude twentytwo thirtyfive north  
Longitude one hundred and sixtyfive west.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Fair with light variable winds Steering  
west. Latitude twentytwo fiftyfour north  
Longitude one hundred and seventy 32 west

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Fair weather with a light northeast trade wind  
Steering west. Latitude twentythree degrees and  
twentythree minutes north. Longitude one  
hundred and seventythree twenty nine west

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeast trades Steering west by  
north. Lat  $23^{\circ}58'$  N. Lon  $175^{\circ}14'$  west



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason. April 1861

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Good weather with a moderate northeasterly wind  
Steering northwest by north Crossed the meridian  
of longitude in latitude about twentyseven north

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Blowing fresh from the northward with rain  
Heading about northwest Sent down the fore  
main and mizen royal sails and yards

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

A moderate northeasterly wind Steering northwest  
No observation of the heavenly bodies today  
Saw large quantities of Portuguese men-of-war.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

A moderate northeasterly wind Steering  
northwest Latitude  $37^{\circ}30'$  north

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

A moderate southerly wind Steering  
northwest by north Latitude thirty-nine  
north Longitude  $190^{\circ}42'$  east

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

A moderate southwesterly wind with rain  
and fog Steering northwest by north

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly wind Steering northwest  
Latitude  $44^{\circ}58'$  N Longitude  $168^{\circ}37'$  east

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

A strong northeasterly wind Heading about  
northwest Lat  $5^{\circ}25'$  Lon  $165^{\circ}26'$  east



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson May 1861

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Blowing a gale from the northward and westward. Heading north northeast. Carrying a close reefed main topsail.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A light northerly wind. Heading west northwest. Latitude  $52^{\circ}30'$  north.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

A moderate breeze from the northward and eastward. Heading about north. Latitude about  $53^{\circ}12'$  north.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

A moderate breeze from the southward and eastward. Passed between and in sight of Bhering's and Coppers islands. Latitude  $54^{\circ}41'N$  Longitude  $167^{\circ}03'W$ .

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a gale from the eastward with snow on the part track. Carrying a close reefed main topsail.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

For part moderate variable winds shifting to the northward and eastward. Saw small quantities of ice. Latter part a strong westerly wind. Two vessels in sight. Spoke the ship Julian of New Bedford.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Around the ice. Moderate breezes. In the company of the ship Julian and bark Cleon of New Bedford.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson May 1861

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

A light westerly wind around the ice  
Saw Cape Thompson on the coast of  
Kamtschatka Latitude  $59^{\circ}15'$  north  
Longitude  $169^{\circ}44'$  east

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

A moderate southerly wind with fog.  
Not far from the ice constructed a  
temporary wheel on the boat house for the  
purpose of steering the ship to better  
advantage when amongst or around ice

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

The greater part of the time thick with  
fog. Strong southerly winds. Suppose the  
ice to be not far off. Three vessels in sight  
in the morning. One of which is the Julian

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Forepart foggy with moderate southerly winds  
Latter part clear. Steering to the northward.  
About six o'clock in the afternoon saw a  
bowhead whale and lowered for it.  
Latitude  $59^{\circ}45'$  N Longitude  $174^{\circ}20'$  W

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeasterly winds  
Amongst ice. Four vessels in sight two of  
which are boiling. Spoke the Florida of  
lat  $61^{\circ}$  latitude about  $61^{\circ}$  longitude about  $177^{\circ}$  W



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson May 1861

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds around the ice Spoke the trading schooner Sea Witch of New London. The chief mate caught a bowhead whale. Cut the whale in

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

A moderate southwesterly wind Saw several whales in amongst thick heavy ice Spoke the bark Fanny of Bedford

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate winds with some snow amongst ice. The third mate caught a bowhead whale. Latitude 60-23 north

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Blowing strong from the northward and westward. On the port tack Boiling

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

A moderate northwesterly wind with some snow in the afternoon. Working to the northward amongst detached fields of ice. Engaged at storing the oil which the two whales made. There is about two hundred bbls of it, Lat 60-35 N, Lon 179-03 east

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Forepart unusually fine. Latter part foggy. A light northwesterly wind Working to the northward through detached fields of ice



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason June 1861

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light northwesterly wind with some fog. Working to the northward along the ice. Spoke the bark Martha of Bedford.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Light variable winds Around the ice. Saw cape Navarino on the coast of Siberia In the company of the ship Arab of Fairhaven and the bark Coral of Bedford. Latitude  $61^{\circ} 35'$  north.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light northwesterly wind Running along to the eastward between the land and ice. Cape Navarino and cape Shadens are both in sight - clearest land about ten miles distant.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northerly breezes with fine weather. Around the ice off cape Shadens. Spoke the bark Zoe of New London.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light westerly breezes In and around the ice off cape Navarino. Spoke the brigs Schohar and Victoria of Honolulu. Lowered for anchor.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable westerly winds Running along and through the ice to the eastward. In the company of the ships Adeline and Robert Edwards of Bedford and Champion of Edgartown.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Strong variable westerly breezes. Knocking about amongst ice. Spoke the bark Isabella of New Bedford.



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason June 1864.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong southerly winds with some snow rain and fog Off to the eastward of cape Whaddens some thirty miles No ice in sight

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southerly winds with considerable fog Spoke the bark German of Bremen Saw a whale which we supposed to be a bowhead going to the northward. It is the first one that we have seen for over two weeks

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northerly winds Working along to the northward and eastward Saw ice in the afternoon Latitude sixty four thirty six north Longitude one hundred and seventy eight 32 west Saw land near cape Bhering

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

A light northeasterly wind In amongst ice off to the westward of cape Bhering

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Light northwesterly winds around and amongst small detachments of ice about twenty miles to the westward of cape Bhering The chief mate struck a bowhead whale and lost it by his line parting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Light northerly breezes About forty miles to the southward and westward from cape Bhering Saw several whals no ice in sight Spun the masts In the company of the bark Barnstable of N B and ship Ocean of N Haven



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason June 1861

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Unusually fine weather with light easterly winds about thirty miles to the southward and westward from Cape Bhering celebrated the day by cutting E. & B's cable &c

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Middling strong southeasterly winds with some rain and fog. Laying around under easy sail waiting for better weather

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light southeasterly winds with fog. Spoke the brig Hero of Honolulu

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Forepart foggy with a moderate southerly wind. Latter part mostly clear with a southeasterly wind. Steering east northeast. Some ice around.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable westerly breezes. Running along the coast from Silver bay toward Indian point. Saw the ship Chabins of St. Bedford at anchor. Lowered for whales

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. Lay at an anchor in 19 fathoms of water. In about three and one half miles from the land between Silver bay and Indian point. About noon got underway. Several Indians came aboard.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong variable northerly wind. Working up toward Bhering's straits. Saw Cape east and the Diomed islands. The latitude of which is about 66° 47' N. Longitude 169° 30' west



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson July 1861

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Light variable breezes with very fine weather  
Off Saint-Lawrence bay. Lowered for  
devilfish, in amongst scattering ice

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A moderate southerly wind with occasional  
fog banks Between St. Lawrence bay and East  
cape and about fifteen miles from the land

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Morning foggy with a moderate southerly  
wind Ran through Bhering's straits into  
the Arctic Ocean The Ginnard islands and  
cape Prince of Wales being in sight. Several  
natives came aboard Went on board of the ship  
Magnum of St. Bedford At six o'clock in  
the afternoon the wind hauled to the northward

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

A moderate breeze from the northward and  
westward Working to the northward. Lowered  
night in near the land about twenty five  
miles to the northward of East cape Spoke  
the trading schooner Olivia of San Francisco

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

A moderate southeasterly wind Steering  
north Lowered for walrus. Saw large flocks  
of ice some of them containing hundreds of  
acres The sun was observed to be above the  
horizon during the past day Saw land near cape  
Lisburne on the American shore of the Arctic  
ocean Latitude about  $68^{\circ}30'$  north



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson July 1861

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds Around small quantities of ice Saw four white polar bears on the ice which took fright at ~~the~~ our approach and went into the water for safety. We caught three of them with perfect ease.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds with some fog Caught sixteen walrus

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

A moderate southeasterly wind around the ice Boiling walrus and bear oil Caught six walrus and a white polar bear

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeasterly winds with some fog Some ice around Finished boiling There is about 18 barrels of walrus and three of bear oil

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Forepart light northerly wind with fog Latter part moderate southeasterly wind with a thick fog Heading to the eastward for the most part of the time Saw land supposed it to be Cape Lisburne

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light southerly winds Laying around the ice about twenty miles S. W. from Cape Lisburne Caught a white bear

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Forepart thick rainy weather with a moderate southeasterly wind Latter part fine weather Thuring 8.11 27 11 Caught 10 at 2 o'clock 183-37 1/2



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson July 1861

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
A middling strong northwesterly wind, with rain. Saw some ice; and five vessels. Cruising

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
A moderate westerly wind. Steering about east. Spoke the ship Montreal of N Bedford

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Steering strong from the northward. Steering east-northeast. Saw land on the American shore near point Hope. Latitude 67-30 north

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Strong southerly winds running along the land from point Hope toward cape Lisburne. Saw some ice

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
A strong northwesterly wind with occasional snow squalls in the vicinity of cape Lisburne

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
A moderate southwesterly wind with some snow. Off to the northward and westward from cape Lisburne. Saw some ice. Cruising in vain

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Strong southwesterly winds with some snow. In the company of the ship Vineyard of Edgartown

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
A moderate southerly wind. Steering east. Caught a white bear on the ice. Latitude 69-18 north.



Remarks on Land ship Thomas Dickson August 1861

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

A middling strong northerly wind about fifty miles to the southward and westward from Cape Lisburne latter part heading to the eastward

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A middling strong southerly breeze In the light to the northward of Cape Lisburne Saw some ice Lowered for humpback whales

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

A fresh breeze from the southward Beating around amongst the ice part of the time Our latitude today is  $72^{\circ}26'$  north Longitude  $163^{\circ}57'$  west

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds Saw land in the vicinity of Sez Cape Lowered for devilfish

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Very warm with scarcely a breath of wind Around the ice off to the westward from Sez Cape Caught thirteen walrus

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Light variable breezes Around the ice Caught twentyone walrus and a white bear

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Wind light and variable Working along and through the ice to the northward and westward Caught three white polar bears One of them was a cub. Latitude  $70^{\circ}35'$  north Longitude  $167^{\circ}44'$  W



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson August 1864

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly wind with fog Steering to the southward and westward Lowered for a bowhead whale

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

A light northerly wind with some rain and fog Off shore between cape Lisburne and Icy cape Lowered for whales Saw ice

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong variable westerly winds Steering to the southward Boiling walrus Lowered for a bowhead whale Latitude 69-20 N Lon 168-58 W

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

A moderate westerly wind Cruising for whales Saw several vessels Stowed down about seventy five barrels of oil

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

A strong southerly wind Steering to the northward and westward Lowered for whales Latitude 68-54 north

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

A middling strong northwesterly wind with snow squalls Cruising for whales The ships latitude is 69-23 north

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

A moderate southwesterly wind Stood along on the eastern tack till we saw cape Lisburne, then tack to the westward



## Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson August 1861

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

A moderate southwesterly wind Working to the windward Off to the northward and westward from Cape Lisburne. Saw some ice.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

A moderate northerly wind Steering to the southward. Saw several vessels either whaling, cutting or boiling. Lowered for whales Lat 68-30 Lon 172-15.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

A middling strong northerly wind Lowered for whales. Spoke the ship Electra of St. London Lat 68-30

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Clouds with a strong northerly wind. Lowered twice for northward whales.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Thick rainy weather with a middling strong northeasterly wind. Lowered for whales. Saw an animal which we supposed to be a narwhale.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

A light easterly wind with dense fog. Laying aback the greater part of the time.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

A light wind from the northward and eastward with considerable fog. Laying with the foretopail aback nearly all of the time. Spoke the ship Corinthian of New Bedford and the captain of her was so kind as to give us a barrel of Chilli potatoes. Thus ends the month of August 1861.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson September 1861

Sunday

1<sup>st</sup>

For part a light westerly wind with fog. Saw ice. Lathipart clouds with a moderate westerly breeze. Steering about southeast. Spoke the German ship, Republik.

Monday

2<sup>nd</sup>

A middling strong southwesterly wind. Lowered for a bowhead whale.

Tuesday

3<sup>rd</sup>

A middling strong southerly wind. Saw a little ice. Lowered for a right tined whale. Spoke the ship, Good Return of Redfern. Latitude sixtyeight twelve north.

Wednesday

5<sup>th</sup>

Winds light and variable. Lowered three boats and went cruising in the ice but saw nothing with the exception of walrus. Celebrated the day by burthening gloomy reflections on account of our poor success during this season.

Thursday

7<sup>th</sup>

Partially foggy with a light wind from the southward and eastward. Just at night saw an almost fabulous quantity of walrus on the ice and in water.

Friday

8<sup>th</sup>

A moderately light southeasterly breeze. Cruising around a little ice. Saw two whales. Caught two by walrus. Caught a small grey fox on the ice and took it on board of the ship alive. Latitude and Lon about 68° 33' . 192° 30' W.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson September 1861

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a gale from the southward and eastward carrying a close reefed main topsail main spencer fore and foretopmast staysail

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a gale from the northward and westward with some snow. Laying to under easy sail

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with a moderate northerly wind carrying topgallantsails passed between East cape and the Diomede islands into Bherings straits

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

At Indian point Fine weather with a light northerly wind Saw several ships

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

A light variable wind with fine weather. About five o'clock P.M. came to with the starboard anchor in about fifteen fathoms of water between Indian point and Silver bay. At eleven P.M. got underway again

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Had part a light westerly wind. Heaving to get into Silver bay. Latter part calm. Came to an anchor with the kedge at seven o'clock P.M. in twenty fathoms water about 4 miles from shore



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson September 1861.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>

At six A.M. got underway with a light westerly wind which died away in the middle of the day. Latter part a light southeasterly wind came to in Flower bay about six P.M. in 2 P.M.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather with a moderate northerly wind. Employed at getting fresh water. The chief mate, being indisposed, is off duty.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>

Fine calm weather. The third officer of the bark Coral of Bedford came on board for a passage to the Sandwich Islands. Also took on board about 12,000 lbs of whalebones from the Coral as freight to the S. Islands.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup>

Forecast a middling strong northeasterly wind. At about ten o'clock A.M. took the anchor and put to sea steering S by E. Latter part beating with a light southerly wind. Whilst being in Flower bay six seamen came on board from the bark Gleone of B. being a part of the crew of the wrecked French ship Caulaincourt. Also lost a seaman by desertion.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup>

A light variable southerly wind with some rain and fog. Making the best of these circumstances and trying to get to the southward.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason October 1861

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

A moderate northeasterly wind Steering a southeasterly course At eight o'clock in the evening got soundings in 30 fathoms

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

A strong westerly wind Steering south southeast Latitude  $50^{\circ}15'$  N Long  $172^{\circ}$  west

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

A middling strong westerly wind Steering about southeast Passed through the Fox islands in latitude  $52^{\circ}30'$  and longitude  $172^{\circ}$  W

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

A strong variable westerly wind Steering southeast by east Latitude  $50^{\circ}22'$  north

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

A strong westerly wind Steering S. E. by E. Bent a new jib and flying jib

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

A moderate northwesterly wind Steering southeast Sent up the main royal yard sail and main topgallant studdingsail Also set a new foretopmast studdingsail Latitude  $45^{\circ}36'$  Longitude  $160^{\circ}01'$  west

No day or clear

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly breezes Steering southeast by south Sent up the fore royal yard and sail Latitude forty three twenty five A



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason October 1861

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

A light northeasterly wind. Steering southeast by south. Employed washing whale bone. Latitude  $41^{\circ}01'$  north.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

A strong southwesterly wind. Steering S. by E. Latitude  $38^{\circ}57'$  north.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

A light wind from the southward. Heading southeast by east. Latitude by a meridian altitude of the sun's lower limb  $37^{\circ}24'$  north. Longitude by chronometer  $151^{\circ}52'$  west. Caught a small species of land hawk.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

A somewhat rain with a moderate wind from the northward and eastward. Latitude about  $35^{\circ}30'$  north. Steering south per compass.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

A middling strong variable southerly wind. On the western tack. Latitude thirtythree fifty two north.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

A middling strong whole sail breeze. Heading about South with the larboard tacks aboard. Lat  $30^{\circ}$  Lon  $152^{\circ}45'$ .

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

A middling strong southwesterly wind. Steering S. by E. Lat  $27^{\circ}30'$  Lon  $152^{\circ}05'$ .

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason October 1866

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

A light northeast trade wind  
blowing south by west Dried  
and bundled the 2 Corals whalebone  
Latitude by the meridian altitude  
of the suns lower limb  $23^{\circ}40'$  north  
Longitude by chronometer  $152^{\circ}43'$  west

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

A moderate NE trade wind Steers  
south by west Dried and bundled  
our whalebone twenty seven bundles  
Our Latitude is twenty one fifty four

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

At daylight sighted Hawaii Bore as  
sailed and came to an anchor at Kila  
about noon in five fathoms of water

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather The crew employed at getting  
fresh water from shore washing the ship &c

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Middling fine weather Employed at  
repairing the copper on the ships lower

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

Fine weather with the usual land  
and sea breezes The crew employed  
at getting fresh water on board from  
Wailuku river The chief mate  
being sick left here to go to Honolulu  
for medical advice and aid



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason. November 1861.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Still laying at an anchor at Hilo Hawaii  
Sandwich Islands Fresh breezes with some  
rain One watch is ashore on liberty

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fine weather with the wind from off  
of the land the most of the time One  
watch on liberty the other painting the ship

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Part of the time blowing quite fresh  
from seaward which caused the ship to  
drag her anchor so we let go the other one

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

At daylight took both anchors and  
hauled back near our former berth  
and let go the starboard anchor All  
hands employed painting ship and clearing the anchor

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds with copious  
showers of rain accompanied by thunder  
One watch is ashore on liberty

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Quite rain with light variable  
winds The crew generally employed

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Weather raining with light variable winds  
Washed some boats, keels, & other necessary  
work which daily recurs, to be done

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson. Number 1861.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

At two o'clock A.M. got underway with a light variable westerly wind and went out of the harbor of Kila Lutterpart-middling strong N.E. trades Steering along the coast of Hawaii to the westward Lowered three boats for a shoat of blackfish to success

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Took a boat and came to an anchor in about eight fathoms of water at Kawaihae Hawaii at 10 o'clock A.M. In the afternoon we stored our own and the bark Corals whalebone on shore and got a supply of potatoes About 10 P.M. got underway with a light easterly wind Steering about west by north Whilst we have been at this island we have lost two seamen by desertion discharged seven and a boatsteerer and shipped four seamen and a boatsteerer or man to harpoon the whales

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong northeast trades the most of the time At daylight sighted Oahu and the captain went ashore at Honolulu about nine o'clock

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Laying off and on at Honolulu with double reefed topsails and E trades I received ten letters here <sup>for me</sup> ~~to me~~ and two newspapers And at Kila I received six letters and about the same number of papers There seems to be not much late news from the United States, except about the war and <sup>that</sup> seems to flourish, and engrosses all the attention of everybody, old or young, native or foreign.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson Number 1861

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Laying off and on at the harbor of Honolulu  
Heavy overcast weather and light variable easterly winds

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds with heavy rains  
The ship "off and on" under easy sail

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong variable southerly winds  
Laying off and on at the harbor of Honolulu  
Six seamen came on board Sent a boat  
ashore at eight o'clock & sent six letters  
to post for the following persons Russell Braley  
Silas W Braley, Lizzie W Braley, Silas Williams  
Jasper Warren Braley and Captain E. B. Ashley.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light variable southerly winds carrying  
topgallant sails Laying off and at Honolulu

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

In the fore part light northeast trade winds  
latter part light southerly winds carrying  
topgallant sails Laying off and on at  
Cahu with necessary sail Sent a boat in to  
the town twice during the day The chief mate  
has been here at Honolulu about a month  
on the doctor's hands but not being sufficiently  
recovered to proceed on the voyage has taken  
his discharge and gone to the United States  
Hospital. The second mate, reshipped as  
chief officer, and the fourth as second officer.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

Finest Eustly trade In the part light  
southerly winds off and at Honolulu.

## Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson December 1861

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

In the forepart light northeast trade winds  
 in the aft part light southerly winds Laying off  
 and on at Howland with all sail

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Winds light and somewhat variable. About  
 three P.M. the captain came aboard and  
 we go along in a southwesterly direction by  
 the wind with the larboard tacks aboard.  
 This day came aboard, a fourth mate, also one seaman.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate northeast winds Steering about  
 S.S.E. Stowed the larboard anchor repaired  
 sails &c Spoke the bark Ontario of N.B.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong variable easterly winds  
 Steering to the southward by the wind  
 Set up the back stays fore and aft Latitude  
 18° 40' Spoke the bark Martha of Buffalo

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong northeasterly winds  
 Carrying topsails and courses In the company  
 of the Gael Return of N.B. Lat 14° 20' S

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong easterly winds  
 Steering S.S.E. Lat 9° 32' Long 158° 41'

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds On the southern  
 tack Lat 6° 55' Employed repairing boats



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason December 1861

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong easterly winds Working to the southward Lat 4<sup>m</sup> 14 Longitude 158<sup>m</sup> 46

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong easterly winds Working to the southward at 1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>m</sup> 16 saw Jarvis island Lat 15 miles north Lon 158<sup>m</sup> 55 west

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Lat 00<sup>m</sup> 20 S

Easterly wind Off Jarvis island in company with the Otello of CTB The captains went on shore

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Wind easterly zigzagging to the westward. Otello in sight Lat 1<sup>m</sup> 41 S Lon 162<sup>m</sup> 07 W

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds Steering to the westward with ease sail Sent up a new mizen topmast stay sail Lat 1<sup>m</sup> 26 Lon 164<sup>m</sup> 24

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

A middling strong easterly wind About nine o'clock in the forenoon saw sperm whales going to the windward, gave chase till dark but without success Ship Otello in sight About six o'clock T & C hauled aback on the port tack heading southeast Lat 1<sup>m</sup> 10 south

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate easterly wind Carrying light sail in the daytime zigzagging to the westward and laying aback in the night Lat 1<sup>m</sup> 11 Lon 168<sup>m</sup> 52

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason December 1861

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly wind At seven A.M. saw sperm whales bound to the windward. We gave chase with the ship but they were soon out of our sight. We kept beating till sundown but saw them no more. Then came to anchor Latitude 1° 36' Lon 170° 45'

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds zigzagging to the westward. Employed at painting boats repairing sails &c. Latitude 1° 29' S. Longitude 171° 04' west

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds Cruising to the westward with easy sail. During the daylight and laying to at night. Painting boats and fitting sails Lat 1° 16' S

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Working to the southward with moderate easterly winds Latitude 1° 26' S Lon 172° 10'

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Standing along by the wind on opposite tacks under easterly. Employed repairing sails Latitude 2° 18' Longitude 172° 37'

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

During this day a moderate easterly wind. The ship on opposite tacks under topsails and courses. Employed at repairing sails and rigging Latitude 4° 14' Longitude 172° 36' W. Thus ends the last day of the year A.D. 1861.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson January 1862

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

A moderate easterly wind The ship on opposite tacks under topsails and courses Sent down the mizen topgallant yard Lat 3, 20 S Lon 172, 16 W

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A moderate easterly wind Came opposite tacks Sent down the mizen topsail and cross jack yard Latitude 2, 34 S Longitude 172, 38 west

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Whistling strong easterly winds Saw Hays Island Two boats went after fish and caught a few <sup>supposed to be</sup> saw a number of turtles and caught one. This is the island on which the ship Canton of Bedford was wrecked. March the fourth 1853 and little thought had I of seeing it again, when leaving it shortly after in a boat According to our observation this island is in S Lat 2, 55 Lon 171, 35 W

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds Topping to the westward Latitude 2, 12 south Longitude 173, 16 west

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly wind The ship on opposite tacks noticed a strong southerly set Bent a new gaff topsail Latitude 1, 34 Longitude 173, 56

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Whistling strong easterly winds The ship on opposite tacks under easy sail Latitude 0, 00 Longitude 173, 20 W

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, January 1860

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly wind. The ship on opposite tacks Latitude  $1^{\circ}20'S$  Lon  $173^{\circ}14'$  west

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

A light easterly. The ship on an opposite tacks under easy sail Latitude  $00^{\circ}14'S$  Lon  $173^{\circ}38'$  W

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

A light easterly wind Working leisurely to the westward Lat eight miles north Lon  $174^{\circ}53'$  W

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds Carrying all sail Steering to the southward and westward At four P.M. saw Baker's island bearing about south Latitude by observation  $35'$  miles north Longitude  $176^{\circ}07'$  W

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

A moderate wind with a heavy northerly swell Forepart on opposite tacks, middle running to the westward latter part laying aback Lat 30 miles north Lon  $176^{\circ}57'$  W About 6 o'clock A.M. saw Howlands island Caught a porpoise

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly wind. Cruising to the westward Latitude  $00^{\circ}01'S$  Longitude  $178^{\circ}31'$  W

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds Cruising to the westward with easy sail Latitude  $1^{\circ}23'S$  Longitude  $175^{\circ}51'$  east



Remarks on board Ship Thomas Dickson January 1867

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. The ship on opposite tacks Lat 50 miles S Lon 177° 50' E

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

A moderate easterly. Touched at Boron's island and got some fire wood. The deck was swarmed with natives Lat 1° 24' S Lon 176° 38'

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. Touched at the island of Fern Lat 1° 28' S Lon 176° 08' ~~east~~

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds. The ship on opposite tacks Lat 2° 10' S Lon 176° 25' E

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly wind. The ship on opposite tacks carrying topgallant sails. Touched at Tamana or Kato's island 2° 44' S Lon 176° 13' E

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds. Carrying topgallant sails. About ten at 16 saw Clark's island, and touched there in the afternoon. Latitude by a meridian altitude of the sun. 1° 55' S Lon 176° 07'

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Easterly winds with a mixture of light and squally weather, carrying sail according to the weather Lat 2° 02' S

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason February 1868

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Moderate easterly wind. Cruising for sperm whales among the Kingsmill Group. Clarke's island still in sight to the eastward.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

The prevailing winds. Cruising for sperm oil. Lowered for blackfish spade. The ship Desdemona of New Bedford. Saw Drummonds island at 4 P.M. bearing  $42^{\circ}$  distant twelve point miles Longitude  $175^{\circ} 22' E$

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong easterly winds. The ship on opposite tack. Latitude  $1^{\circ} 5' south$

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong easterly wind. Cruising. Saw Sylvania island. Lat  $00^{\circ} 59'$  Lon  $174^{\circ} 15'$

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds with some rain squalls. Saw Henderson's and Madles islands. No observation.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. The ship on opposite tack. Latitude three miles north

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly wind. The ship on opposite tack. At twelve o'clock saw Heales island bearing  $41^{\circ}$  distant Lat 30 miles north



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson February 1862

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Strong easterly winds. The ship on opposite tack. At five P.M. saw "Kure" island bearing at E 12 miles off Lat 48 miles north

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. Ship on opposite tack. Saw Charlotte Island and stood close in to it toward night and lowered two boats for blackbird Mr. Bingham the resident missionary at this island came on board. Latitude 1° 23' north

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds with some rain. Touched at Pitt's island latter part steering south Lat 2° 53'

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. Working to the southward. Latitude 39 miles S Lon 171° 21' E

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. The ship off and on at Ocean island. Captain Stewart went on shore and bought some fowl and swine. Lat 0° 56' south

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

A moderate easterly wind. Cruising along to the westward. Lat 0° 36' S Lon 168° 18' east

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate easterly winds. Zigzagging to the westward. Just before sunset arrived off Pleasant Island and several of the inhabitants came on board. Lat at 12-16 18 miles south

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Light northerly wind. Steady. Latitude 02° 06' S

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickinson. March 1862

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

Light northerly winds Steering south under all sail  
Latitude  $04^{\circ} 22' S$  Lon  $165^{\circ} 21'$  east

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light northwesterly wind Steering to the southward  
and westward Saw a brig bound to the eastward  
Latitude  $05^{\circ} 58' S$  Longitude  $165^{\circ} 04' E$

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly winds with squally  
weather About noon arrived at Stewart's  
island Latter part laying off and on, getting hazy

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northwesterly winds The ship  
working, northeast No observation of the sun.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light northerly wind, Ship on the port  
tack. Repairing sails. Latitude  $06^{\circ} 50'$  south.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly winds Under prudent  
sail, on the port tack Lat  $05^{\circ} 44'$  Lon  $167^{\circ} 49'$  east

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly wind The ship under  
topgallantsails by the wind on the starboard  
tack Lat  $04^{\circ} 03'$  south Lon  $167^{\circ} 28'$  east

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable easterly winds Steering  
V V W Carrying a fore topmast studding sail.



*Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason. March 1862*

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>*

Moderate winds varying from southeast to southwest, with some rain. Steering about N.W.

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>*

Strong N.E. trades. Steering west-northwest. Lat.  $04^{\circ}46'N$  Longitude  $162^{\circ}17'$  east

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>*

Moderate easterly winds with rain squalls. Came to with the starboard anchor at the island of Ascension at the harbor known as Haddley's or Deep Water Harbor in about 28 fathoms of water about ten o'clock in the A.M.

*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Today is Sunday here consequently there is nothing doing. One watch ashore, by permission.

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Light easterly winds. Getting off wood and water. One watch on shore by permission.

*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>*

Is Sunday here. One watch ashore. Boring weather.

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>*

Light northeasterly winds. One watch on shore on duty. The other employed at getting firewood on board, from shore.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason April 1862

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Easterly variable winds with rain squalls. Made an attempt to go to sea, but the pilot gave it up.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Raining and squally with variable winds. Made an abortive attempt to go to sea. The pilot went outside to the big Maileua of Honolulu and brought her in here.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Moderate northeasterly winds. Took the pilot, got underway, and went to sea, about two P.M.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate variable easterly winds with squalls. Forepart laying off and on at Ascension for deserters one of whom was brought on board today. Whilst being at this place we have lost two men by desertion and shipped ather two in their places. Food, water, game, coconuts, fowl, swine, and a few tropical fruits are obtainable here. Letterport steering at N. Latitude at meridian, four degrees 40 minutes north.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Light variable northeasterly winds. Steering about N.W. with all sail. Lat 08° 47' Lon 157° 38' east.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate trades. Steering at N.W. Lat 12° 36'

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate N.E. trades. Steering northward. Employed at painting boats. Latitude 16° 20' N.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson April 1862

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly wind. Steering about S <sup>W</sup> by S  
Carrying all sail Lat 19° 36' Lon 146° 36' east

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Light variable easterly winds Steering S <sup>W</sup> by S Lat 23° 00' at

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeasterly winds Heading about  
S <sup>W</sup> by S At one o'clock P.M. saw Coffin's islands  
- a part of the Bonin group. Lat 26° 10' Lon 141° 44'

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds Heading about S Lat 28° 31'

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Variable winds Forepart steering about S <sup>W</sup> by S At 10  
A.M. saw the island of Okiyama. Latter part steering along  
the coast of Okiyama to the S <sup>W</sup> Latitude 33° 10' north

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Variable winds Working to the S <sup>W</sup> toward Pedro Gulf.  
But a new forepart - stay sail Lat 34° 30' Lon 140° 42'

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Forepart moderate easterly wind. At daylight stood about west  
for Cape Kina, passed it and hauled to the northward about 10  
A.M. into Pedro Gulf. At that time the wind hauled to the northward  
Heptore up the Gulf on opposite tacks till about 7 P.M. then tacked about  
on opposite tacks under topsails the weather being thick and rainy  
and no pilot on board. Between 9 and 10 P.M. the breeze being quite  
strong double reefed the topsails. At 11 P.M. whilst putting the  
mainsail, saw "land on the lee bow" (or what was supposed to be land)  
and put the helm up to wear around and just as she came to the  
wind on the other tack she "struck" within 1/2 mile from the  
beach on the west shore of the Gulf. As nothing else could be  
done to help her we closed up all the sails then set and hauled them

## Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson April 1862

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Forepart strong northerly winds which abated some about daylight; at that time <sup>saw</sup> a barge anchored with a hawser attached, off shore and to the windward and gave a good strain on it to prevent the ship from going further towards the beach, when the tide rose. Employed fresh water into the hold and pumped it out again to lighten her and threw some fire wood overboard. In the afternoon buoyed the larboard anchor with two cables lashed together and took about six fathoms of chain past to the anchor into the boats and towed it off as far as we could then let it go. Hove in upon the anchor and heave simultaneously and at high water (about 4 P.M.) she was afloat. Employed the remainder of the day heaving her into deeper water and a safe her the latter part, the wind was quite moderate.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Still employed at heaving the ship to a safe berth, which we did about 1 o'clock A.M. The ship lay in at that time in five fathoms of water. At 1 P.M. got underway and at 2 took the pilot. Forepart light northerly wind latter part light variable winds and calms.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Forepart light variable winds and calms. Latter part a smart easterly wind. Came to with the larboard anchor in five fathoms of water at Lakebaena about 2 o'clock P.M.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason. May 1862

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Moderate southerly wind Laying at Yokohama  
Employed at taking water from the water boat

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Forepart and middle a little strong,  
variable northeasterly wind Took aboard  
about fifty sacks of sweet potatoes  
Today is Sunday here in cast longitude

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds. About 3 P.M.  
got under way and stood out of the harbor  
At 4 P.M. the wind failed and the tide  
was unfavorable so we came to again  
near Heesters island in about 18 fathoms  
Whilst being at Yokohama we bent a new 16 lb. gun

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Variable winds About 5 P.M. took the anchor  
and commenced working our way down  
the Gulf sometimes with a fair wind and  
sometimes not. Latter part moderate southerly  
winds, Baking at the mouth of the Gulf

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southerly and easterly winds  
Forepart the ship on opposite tacks  
Latter part steering northeast. At sunset  
the land was nearly out of our sight

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Winds from light to moderate, and varying  
from S.W. to N.E. Steaming northeast  
Under prudent sail Latitude 38° 25' north

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson. May 1862

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong southeasterly winds, carrying sail accordingly. Steering northeast Latitude,  $41^{\circ}12'$  N Longitude,  $148^{\circ}34'$  east

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong southwesterly wind Steering N<sup>o</sup> E, with all sail out Lat  $45^{\circ}44'$  Lon  $153^{\circ}32'$  Sent down the old spanker, and bent a new one.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong variable southwesterly winds Steering, N<sup>o</sup> E Lat  $50^{\circ}00'$  Lon  $160^{\circ}39'$  east.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and, light variable winds Steering N<sup>o</sup> E Lowered for a Siberian whale Lat  $52^{\circ}17'$  Lon  $164^{\circ}38'$

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Moderate westerly winds with spittings of snow. Steering northeast. At 5 P.M. saw Copper Island bearing N<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> E Lat  $53^{\circ}45'$  Lon  $167^{\circ}11'$  east.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable southwesterly winds, with some snow Steering N<sup>o</sup> E Lat  $54^{\circ}04'$  Lon  $171^{\circ}48'$

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds The ship under all sail working to the northward. Lowered two boats for the purpose of shooting a pinback whale, but did not succeed. Latitude  $59^{\circ}25'$  Lon  $171^{\circ}48'$



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson May 1862

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light easterly winds, forepart steering north, latter part working to the eastward. About daylight, saw land on the Kamtschatka coast Latitude  $60^{\circ}44'$  north Longitude  $174^{\circ}16'$  east

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeasterly winds The ship by the wind on opposite tacks. No observation

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Southwesterly winds. Forepart steering at N 8 N 8 came up to the ice and ran along the edge of it to the eastward within a few miles of cape Navarin Spoke the whaler his General Fiske of Harre Latitude  $61^{\circ}05'$

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Strong southerly winds with some fog rain and snow Saw a small quantity of ice near cape Thadous Lat  $62^{\circ}25'$  north

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate variable winds The ship in and around the ice in the vicinity of cape Thadous Latitude  $62^{\circ}33'$  north Spoke ship Champion of England & the Catharine of St. Lawrence

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Moderate and strong northerly winds The ship on opposite tacks with variable sail. Saw land and ice on the western side of the Anadir Sea Lat  $63^{\circ}20'$  north There is an unusually small quantity of ice here and in this vicinity this present season.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson June 1862

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Light breezes, principally from the southward  
The ship in and around the ice Lat 63, 28 near the

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate southeasterly wind The ship  
working northeast along the edge of the ice

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southwesterly winds Working to  
the eastward along the ice Saw land near  
cape Behring at 12. 16. Caught 3 walrus Lat 64, 47

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southerly winds with some fog Saw ice near  
cape Behring Spoke the ship Reinier of St. Petersburg  
and I got a letter by her from Mrs J. E. Bratton.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds with some snow Around  
the ice Spoke the ship John Howland of St. B.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds The ship around the  
ice under easy sail Latitude 64, 50 north.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable southerly wind Saw land  
and ice near cape Behring Spoke the bark Bunsen of St. B.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable southerly winds with fog and  
snow Saw land and ice in the vicinity of cape Behring  
Let the port anchor off the bow and let the chain



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason June 1862

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. At noon came to, with the port anchor, in about 30 fathoms of water, off the mouth of Herby bay, and about four miles from the land. Saw the Coral Florida Isabella and Reindeer at an anchor here.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds, and plenty of ice in the bay. Sent two boats to look for whales. Hove in on the chain and found that the anchor was missing on account of the ring breaking. Made some sail, got out a spare anchor, and came to again at 1 PM about two miles from our former berth.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Forepart light variable, and latter part moderate westerly winds. About two PM (the ship being enclosed by ice) got under way, made all sail, and worked her out into clear water. Spoke the bark Zoe of New London.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate variable winds. The ship within sight from the land between Herby bay and cape Behring. Celebrated by taking a dead whale alongside and cutting it in.



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable winds, with some rain, fog and snow. The ship under all sail on opposite tacks. Land and ice in sight also three vessels.

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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson June 1862

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Light southerly winds & one of the clock & 16.  
came to with this port anchor in twenty fathoms  
of water off the mouth of Flower bay

All hands employed at stowing down oil  
There are six vessels at an anchor here

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Forepart light, latter part, strong northerly winds  
with rain and fog Saw three bowheads and landed for them

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds with some fog sent boats  
to cruise for whales Saw One <sup>wh</sup>Whale from  
the ship This day came on board Richard Cyden,  
seaman, who deserted from the ship at this place  
on the twentyfourth of September 1861

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

From light to midline strong northerly  
winds Landed two boats for a whale

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Light southeasterly winds, with fog, and  
some rain. The bark Coral of St. Kilda  
left her anchorage (where she had lain  
during the past winter) further up the  
bay and came to again near by where we are



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Remarks on board ship *Theresa* Nicholas July 1862.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Blowing quite strong from the north  
Saw three or four different whales

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Middling, strong, northeasterly wind. The  
ship at anchor, at Silver Bay. Spotted two boats  
for a whale. Celebrated the day, by displaying  
the Star Spangled Banner, at our dinner table

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds, with fog. Saw one whale

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Morning light; latter part quite strong northeasterly  
winds. At 10 to 11 took the anchor and went to sea

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

Morning moderate northeasterly, latter part light  
westerly winds. The ship under all sail, to Silver  
Bay and Cape Chapin. Saw the big *Kahala*.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong northeasterly winds, with rain, and fog.  
The ship in Behrings Straits, under easy sail.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. At 9 A.M. came to with the  
port anchor, in thirteen fathoms of water, near St  
Lawrence bay. Saw some ice, and one whale.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds, with some fog. Took  
on board about 100 barrels of fresh water.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson July 1862

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. About 2 P M, took the anchor, and stood out into the Straits

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds. About 2 P M, passed by East Cape, (steering E by N) into the Arctic Ocean

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds with some fog. The ship working to the westward saw one whale Lat 67° 34' Lon 167° 47'

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Moderate southerly winds. Cruising around the ice. The fourth officer struck a whale, lost his line, and got his boat badly stove. One boat picked up the wreck. The two other parties on, struck, and saved the whale, and got it alongside about eleven P M. Lat 68° 21' E



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate northerly winds. The ship under easy sail, around the ice. The chief mate struck a whale and got his boat slightly stove. Killed the whale and got it alongside of the ship about 12 o'clock P M

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly wind with some fog. Sailed for whaling twice. Sailing, Latitude 68° 04' north. The ship carrying all necessary sail for whaling purposes considering the country climate weather winds &c. These head masts are quite shy.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson. July 1862.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northeasterly winds. The ship under all sail, cruising for whales around the ice. Saw land bearing about S by E at 6<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light variable easterly winds. Cruising around ice. The second officer caught a whale. Took it along side and cut it in. Spoke the bark Bagan aged 13

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeasterly winds. Cruising near the ice. Looked for whales. Lat 69° 20'

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northerly winds. The ship under easy sail. The fourth mate got a whale

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

A moderate northerly wind with fog the greater part of the time. The ship on opposite tacks. Employed at boiling and storing down oil.

Remarks on ice and ship Thomas Dickson August 1861

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Windline strong northerly winds. Circling around the ice, boiling. Lat 68° 48' north

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

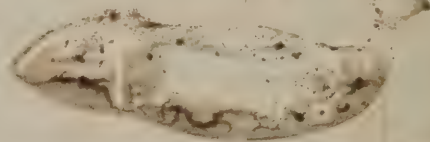
Light variable northwesterly winds with some fog. The ship on opposite tacks. Finished boiling.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light variable air, with dense fog. Men are easy sail.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds, with fog at intervals. The chief mate caught a bowhead whale.



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable westerly winds. The second officer got a whale in the ice. Lat about 68° 00' N.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

From light to moderate southeast and northwest winds. Sailed for a whale, and caught two Polar, white bears. Saw some ice.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable, northwesterly winds. The ship steering about E N E. Finished boiling.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Blowing quite fresh from the northeast. The ship on opposite tacks under double reefed topsails. Lat 90° 48' Lon 171° 57'

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Blowing quite strong from the northeast. Latitude 68° 48' N Longitude 168° 48' west.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson. August 1862

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly winds The ship heading to the northward About six A.M. saw land near Cape Lisburne Lat  $68^{\circ}05'N$  Lon  $167^{\circ}10'W$

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a gale from the northeast. The ship under short sail Lat  $68^{\circ}08'N$  Lon  $168^{\circ}05'W$

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Blowing a S.E. gale Lat  $68^{\circ}35'N$  Lon  $168^{\circ}47'W$

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a northeasterly gale. The ship on opposite tacks under short sail Lat  $68^{\circ}21'N$  Lon  $169^{\circ}00'W$

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Whistling strong S.E. winds Lat  $68^{\circ}51'N$  Lon  $169^{\circ}22'W$

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Moderate easterly winds Sent down the Abnegat yard Landed for whales Lat  $69^{\circ}02'N$  Lon  $169^{\circ}52'W$

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable easterly winds with some rain Cruising for whales Saw a small field of ice Spoke the ship Howland Lat  $69^{\circ}58'N$  Lon  $167^{\circ}41'W$

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

From light to moderate variable winds The ship on opposite tacks Saw land near Cape Lisburne Landed two different times for whales

## Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, September 1862

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Light variable winds with some fog rain and snow. Cruising around the ice. Lowered for a whale. Lat  $68^{\circ}10'$  Lon  $166^{\circ}02'$  west

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Light winds principally from the northeast. Some rain. Cruising. Lat  $68^{\circ}30'$  Lon  $168^{\circ}36'$  west

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a northeasterly gale - Laying to

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northerly winds with some snow. The ship cruising for whales under reefed sail. Latitude  $68^{\circ}35'$  Lon.  $172^{\circ}30'$

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Light northeasterly winds with some snow. Cruising. Lat  $68^{\circ}20'$  Lon  $175^{\circ}17'$  west

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

From light to moderate variable winds. Cruising. Saw the Cary and Champion. Lat  $68^{\circ}38'$

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Middleling strong northerly winds. Cruising opposite Hacks. Lat  $68^{\circ}22'$  Lon  $170^{\circ}19'$  west

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable easterly winds, with some fog and rain. Lat  $68^{\circ}09'$  Lon  $168^{\circ}18'$

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable easterly winds. Lat  $69^{\circ}38'$



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson September 1862

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly wind, with some fog  
Saw a whale Latitude  $69^{\circ}48'$  Lon  $168^{\circ}34'$

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly winds with snow squalls  
At 2 P.M. saw Cape Lisburne, bearing S E,  
Latter part steering S Lat  $69^{\circ}10'$  Lon  $168^{\circ}25'$

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

From moderate to strong northerly winds Steering  
S. Passed East Cape at 10 P.M. Lat  $68^{\circ}06'$  Lon  $168^{\circ}20'$

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Strong northerly winds Steering through the Straits  
to the southward. Passed to the westward and in sight  
of St. Lawrence's Island about three P.M.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Forepart muddling strong northeasterly winds, the  
ship steering S E At 10 P.M. saw Matthiws or  
Gore's Island, (bearing S E thirty miles) and steamed for it.  
Saw right whales within 15 miles of the land, lowered  
without success Latter part nearly calm Lat  $68^{\circ}15'$

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeasterly winds with some  
fog & rain Cruising. Lowered for right whales

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

From moderate to muddling strong southeasterly  
winds Cruising in the vicinity of Matthiws  
Island where during the week last past we have  
seen quite a number of right whales and have  
lowered five different times for them without  
success Also saw two whale ships here

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson October 1861

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Blowing a northerly gale. Steering S S E in the fore and latter part, and in the middle, here to, with a goose winged main topsail

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Forepart middling strong northeasterly winds, cruising for whales, Latter part laying to in a heavy northerly gale with a goose winged main topsail. Sustained some damage, in, boats, rigging, &c

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northeasterly wind. Steering southeast Latitude  $53^{\circ} 11' N$  Longitude  $174^{\circ} 54'$  west.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

From light to moderate variable northerly winds. Steering about S E At 11 P M saw some of the "Fox" near what is called the "772" passage. Bent staff the, main royal yard, and bent a new sail, also bent a new main course, & topgallant sail. Raising the fore topmast studding sail. Lat  $53^{\circ} 51' N$

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a variable northwesterly gale. Steering about S S E Lat  $48^{\circ} 35'$  Lon  $163^{\circ} 10'$

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Forepart strong northerly winds, the ship under all sail, steering east. Middle nearly calm. Latter part a middling strong easterly wind, the ship on opposite tacks. Latitude  $47^{\circ} 53'$  north



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, October 1861

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Light winds, forepart southeasterly, latter part, southwesterly. Course East.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Strong southerly winds. Course E. Lat  $47^{\circ}48'$  N.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds, course E & S. Employed at scraping whalebone. Latitude  $46^{\circ}00'$  north.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Blowing a southwesterly gale with southerly variations. Forepart hove to on the starboard tack. Latter part steering east.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds, with fog. Course E by S

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Light variable winds, with some fog, carrying all sail

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Light variable easterly winds. The ship on opposite tacks working to the windward. Employed at washing whalebone. Lat  $43^{\circ}47'$  Lon  $138^{\circ}31'$

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, winds. Course, E S E. Saw a bark steering about S by E. Lat,  $43^{\circ}54'$ . Longitude,  $136^{\circ}18'$ .

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, winds. Course, E S E. Latitude,  $43^{\circ}10'$  N.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Strong northwesterly winds, steering about east. About 9 P.M. saw the Gallone light. Lat  $38^{\circ}43'$

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, November 1862

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

Farepart, light winds, and calm; latter part - light northwesterly winds At 8 P.M. took a pilot, and came to an anchor in the harbor at San Francisco at 7

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable winds. About 9 P.M. the schooner West West Wind came in collision with us carrying away our spit-sail yard. Employed bundling whalebone

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Light variable winds Rigg'd in the fore-jib-boom and made preparations for hauling into dock

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Took the anchor and commenced to haul the ship alongside of the wharf but the current swept us out of our course, and the ship got stuck in the mud where we laid till the tide rose then took a tugboat and towed alongside of the wharf

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light winds with fog. Employed discharging cargo

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Finished discharging, and took a tugboat for Mare Island in order to go into a dry dock for repairs Our oil 1050 barrels, and bone, 13000 lbs, is to go on board of the ship Regulator of Boston. Mass.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Hauled the ship into the dry dock at Mare Island, and commenced repairs



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson. November 1862

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Finished repairing the ship and hauled her out of the dock at 3 o'clock P.M. In the evening took a tug boat for San Francisco (In hauling out of dock, carried away the fly jib boom)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Departed 2 o'clock P.M. arrived at San Francisco and came to an anchor

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Light variable winds Laying at an anchor at San Francisco

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Light variable winds The ship Laying at an anchor at San Francisco

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Light variable westerly winds Employed at stowing cargo in the ship's hold

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Moderate breezes principally from the northwest. Washed the ship on the outside.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Light and variable winds, with heavy dew & fog in the forepart. Latter part, painting the ship

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Light winds. Latter part, painting the outside of the ship

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Moderate variable winds, with some clouds Laying at an anchor at San Francisco

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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, December 1862

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Fine, and latter part; light winds; middle a strong northerly wind, which caused the ship to drag her anchor, and we let go the other one

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable breezes Employed at setting up casks for fresh water

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, wind. Tied up at S. Fanning

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather; with light variable winds

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Thick, overcast, weather; with some rain.  
Hove up the starboard anchor and cleared the chain

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds Hove up the port anchor and cleared it, ran a line, hauled the ship farther off shore (in accordance to the Harbor Regulations) then let it go again with 60 fathoms of chain.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Took about 380 barrels of fresh water on board

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

About 8 A.M. took a pilot and went out of the harbor For part light easterly winds latter part light variable northwesterly winds



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason December 1862

Whilst being in St Francisco we discharged our oil (1050 bbls), and bone (13,000 lbs) & shipped it by the ship Regulator of Boston. Also discharged the third, and fourth officers, one boatsteerer, and what seamen that were entitled to their discharge. The remainder of the seamen (except two), two boatsteerers, the cook, steward, and cabin-boy deserted from the ship. Shipped a third, and fourth officer, three boatsteerers, a cook, steward, and twentyfour seamen.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds Steering along shore to the southward Latitude 35° 48' north

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light variable winds Under all sail working to the southward Lat 34° 52'

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate winds, principally from the southward. Beating. Latitude 32° 56' N

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light, variable, westerly winds. Steering southeast per compass Lat 30° 06' Lon 120° 31' W

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Faircast, strong, southerly winds, and rain. Latter part moderate northwesterly winds Steering S E. Lat 27° 27' Lon 116° 22'

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, December, 1862

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, northerly winds, (buckst) sailing  
back near the coast. About 5 o'clock  
P.M. came to an anchor near Ballenas Bay  
in thirteen fathoms of water, and about  
four miles from shore. Lat 25° 33' N. Lon 143° 52' W.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds with fine  
weather. Laying anchored near Ballenas Bay.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Strong northerly winds. About 8 o'clock  
got underway and beat to the windward  
till 3 o'clock P.M. then came to anchor  
in seven fathoms of water in Ballenas  
Bay, and near by the ship John Howland.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Fine weather with light and moderate  
variable winds. The ship at an anchor in Ballenas  
Bay. Thus ends the year, Anno Domini, 1862.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason. January 1863

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Moderate variable winds. The ship at an anchor in Ballenas Bay. Repairing sails, and rigging.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate and light variable winds.  
The ship anchored in Ballenas Bay.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable. About 8 A.M. took the anchor and moved the ship about four miles to the southward near the passage into the lagoon and came to again.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

For part, moderate, northerly winds; latter part, light, variable, westerly winds. About half past eight A.M. got underway, and went through the passage into the lagoon, and came to again at 7, in five fathoms of water. She had about 17 feet of water on the bar in the passage, at the time, and the ship drew 13½ feet; she barely touched once, on the bar, but not enough to stop her headway. At 3 P.M. got underway again, and steered up the lagoon in a northerly direction eight or ten miles, and came to again at five near Rocky point in seven fathoms.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Wind about as usual. At 3 o'clock P.M. got underway and steered up the lagoon in a northeasterly direction eight miles (more or less) and came to an anchor at 5 with 3 fathoms of water.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, January 1863

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds. The ship, <sup>Wm</sup> W. C. Mc  
and bark Sarah Warren, came to an anchor here.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong northerly winds. The ship  
laying at an anchor in Ballenas lagoon.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. Commenced whaling in  
partnership with the John Howland, and her  
boats caught three whales. Our third officer  
struck whales and got his boat stoven

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate northerly winds. The starboard boat  
with Mr. Morton (a man employed from shore)  
struck a whale and got badly stoven

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, variable winds. The third officer  
caught a (devil-fish) whale and the John Howland's  
boats caught four, of the same description.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate variable winds  
The John Howland's boats caught a whale.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson February 1863

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Moderate variable winds. The ship  
laying anchored in Ballenas lagoon.

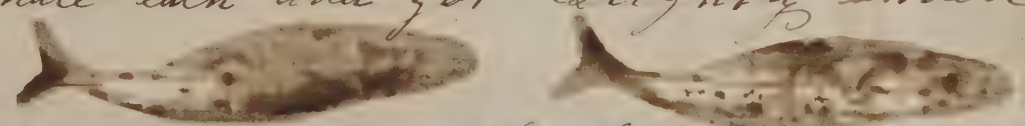
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Calms, and light variable breezes. Chasing whales

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate, northerly, and, westerly winds. At  
12 M, got underway and ran down abreast of  
Rocky point, and anchored in 8 fathoms of water

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate northerly and westerly winds. About  
9 A M, got underway and ran through the  
passage out of the lagoon, and came to again  
at 12 M, in 10 fathoms of water in Ballenas  
Bay. The third officer caught a whale.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Moderate, and middling strong, northerly, and,  
westerly winds. The starboard and larboard  
got a whale each and got slightly stoven

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Middling strong northerly and westerly  
winds. The ship laying at an anchor in  
Ballenas Bay. The 2 Howlands boats got 2 whales



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason February 1863.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

The ship lying at an anchor in Ballenas Bay. The usual northerly and westerly winds. The second officer caught a whale, but it sunk.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

The usual winds. In hauling up the whale which sank on the 13<sup>th</sup> the line parted, and we lost the whale. The John Howlands boat caught a whale.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

The usual winds. The J Howlands boat got a whale.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

The usual winds. The starboard boat got a whale.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

The usual winds. The starboard, & bow boats, got a whale each.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

The usual winds. The chief mate of the J H struck a whale which stove the boat, and caused his (Mr Pierce's) death.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

The usual, sea, and land breeze. The third mate got a whale.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Winds as usual. The starboard boat got a whale.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and strong northerly winds. About 4 A.M. experienced a shock from an earthquake.

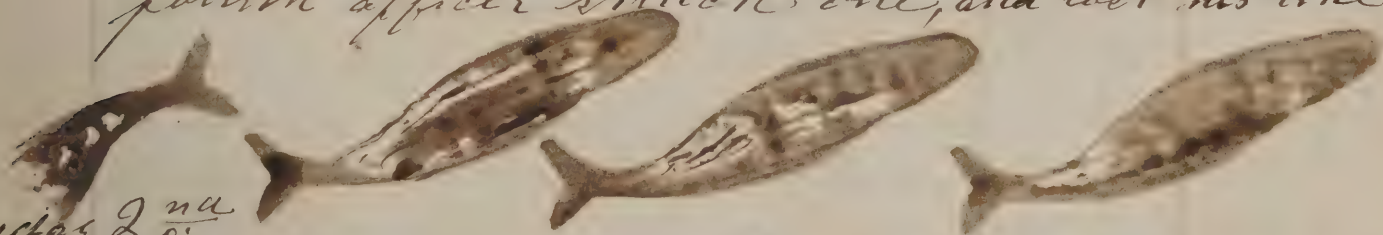


# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson March 1863.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Moderate, northerly, and westerly, winds. The ship laying at an anchor in Ballinas Bay.

Captain Stewart lowered in one of the of Howlands boats, and caught a whale. Our third officer caught a whale; and the fourth officer struck one, and lost his line.



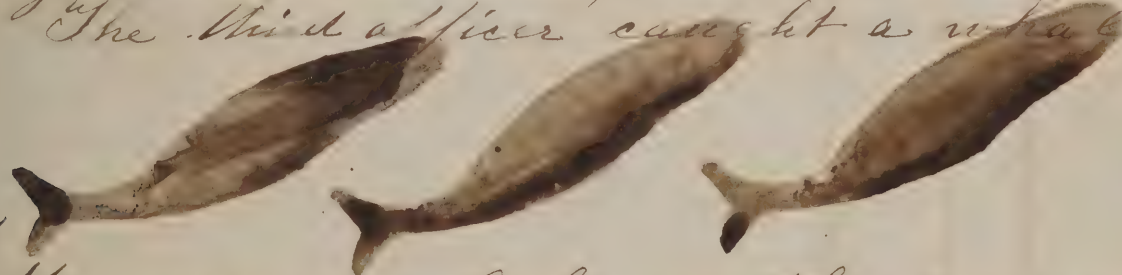
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light, variable, winds. The starboard boat got a whale.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light, and moderate, variable, winds.

The third officer caught a whale.



Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, and, light, northerly, winds.

The second officer caught a whale.

The of Howlands boats caught a whale.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Widling. Strong, northerly, and, westerly, winds. W & P W got underway & stood S E by S.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

The usual winds. Steering along the Coast to the southeastward till P & W, then came to an anchor in the mouth of Margarita Bay, in twenty-two fathoms of water.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson; March 1863.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Light, northerly, and, westerly, winds. At 4 A.M., got underway and beat up the Bay till 2 P.M., then came to again near Man-of-war Bay in 15 fathoms of water. The whaleship John Howland came to an anchor here at the same time.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Light airs, and calms. Employed at getting provisions from and putting oil on board of the John Howland

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, winds; and calms At 10 o'clock A.M., got underway, and went to sea. Lat 24, 20

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, northerly, winds. Steering west by south Latitude 22, 00' N Longitude 118, 04' West.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northerly winds Steering W by S. Lat 21, 28.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Light, northeast, trade winds. Steering W  $\frac{1}{2}$  S Carrying all sail, including the foretopmast, & main topgallant studdingsails Lat 21, 00 north

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Light, northeast, trade. Steering W  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. Lat 20, 5, 1/2

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable easterly winds Steering W by S. Latitude 21, 00' Lon 137, 45'



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, March 1863.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, northerly, winds. Steering west by south. Lat,  $20^{\circ} 28'$  N. Lon,  $141^{\circ} 49'$  W.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, northeasterly, winds; with, some rain. Steering west & south. No observation.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, northeasterly, winds; with rain. Steering, about W by S. Lat,  $19^{\circ} 57'$  Lon,  $151^{\circ} 08'$ .

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, winds. The ship under all sail, including studding sails. Steering about W by S. Lat,  $20^{\circ} 01'$  Lon,  $153^{\circ} 49'$  west.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Light variable winds The ship under all sail; steering, about west southwest. At 9 AM saw the northern part of the island of Hawaii Lat  $20^{\circ} 15'$  Lon  $155^{\circ} 52'$

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, April, 1863.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Light, variable, winds. At 10 o'clock A M, took a pilot, and came to an anchor, (in 9 fathoms of water) at 1 P M, at Kawaihooe, Hawaii.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Forepart light variable airs; middle, and latterpart, light, and strong, northeast trades. At two o'clock A M got underway, and steered to the northwestward, toward Oahu, passing in sight of the intermediate islands. About 11 P M, arrived off Diamond Head, Oahu.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, and strong northeast trades. The ship, "off and on" at Honolulu, under short sail.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, trades. "Off and on" at Honolulu, till six P M; when the captain came aboard, and kept away, to the westward (to get an offing) several miles, then steered west northwest.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Strong, northeast trades. Forepart, steering west-northwest. At eight A M, saw Kaula, ahead; steered for it, and arrived off Kaula about ten. Came to with the port anchor, and 85 fathoms of chain, in 18 fathoms of water, at Kaula, Kauai at half past three P M.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Strong, trades. The ship, laying anchored at Kaula. Employed at getting firewood, vegetables, &c.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, April 1863.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Strong, northeast trades. Took aboard some fresh water and vegetables. At eight P.M., got under way, and steered about southwest.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong, northeast trades. Steering west, and west by north. Spoke the whaleship Champion, of Edgartown. Lat  $21^{\circ}30'$  N. Lon  $163^{\circ}40'$  W.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong, northeast, trade winds. Steering W by N, and W by W. Lat,  $23^{\circ}32'$  Lon,  $113^{\circ}01'$ .

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly winds. Steering north west. Repairing boats Lat  $27^{\circ}26'$  N Lon  $118^{\circ}33'$  west

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Slight variable easterly winds. Steering, north N.W. Lat  $32^{\circ}24'$  north Longitude  $119^{\circ}00'$  east

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong winds, varying from north, to east. Course, N.W. Lat,  $35^{\circ}20'$  N.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southerly winds, with some fog. Steering, N.W. Sent down the fore royal yard. Our latitude is the same as that of Bedford.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Variable winds. Course, N.W. Latitude,  $45^{\circ}30'$  north. Longitude,  $116^{\circ}03'$  west. E.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, April 1863.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Strong, and moderate, variable, westerly winds. The ship under short sail. Course, northwest. Latitude  $49^{\circ}06'$  north.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Strong, variable, westerly, winds. The ship by the wind, on opposite tacks. Course, northwest. Latitude  $50^{\circ}35'$  north. Longitude,  $174^{\circ}51'$  east.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, May, 1863.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Moderate, variable, northwesterly, winds. The ship on opposite tacks, by the wind

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light, and moderate, variable, winds. Course northwest. At 12 M. saw Atton, one of the Fox Islands. Lat.  $57^{\circ}30'$  N. Lon.  $173^{\circ}23'$  east.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate, and strong, southeasterly winds. Steering northwest. At seven A.M. passed to the westward, and within about 20 miles from Atton, the most western of the Fox, or Aleutian Islands. Latitude,  $53^{\circ}25'$  north.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Variable easterly winds, with some snow. Steering N. by E. Lat  $58^{\circ}23'$  Lon  $170^{\circ}27'$  east.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong easterly winds, with some snow. Spoke the German bark. Braganza

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, variable, northeasterly, wind. Course N.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, northwesterly, wind. Working north. Latitude,  $58^{\circ}40'$ . Lon,  $175^{\circ}59'$  east.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, May 1863.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Light, variable, winds, with spittings of snow.  
 Saw some light ice. Spoke the ship Henry  
 Keneeland, of N.B. Lat,  $60^{\circ}40'N$ . &

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Light, variable, winds. Working to the  
 northward, through light, scattering, ice.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Moderate, variable, winds, with some snow.  
 Working to the northeast. Spoke the bark  
 Tanny, of N.B. Lat,  $61^{\circ}06'$ . Lon,  $17^{\circ}27'$  east.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Light winds, principally from the northward.  
 Working to the northeast, through, and around ice.  
 Spoke ship George Howland, of N.B. Lat,  $61^{\circ}20'$ .

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Light, variable, northeasterly winds. Working to  
 the northward, through some ice. Saw two horn-head  
 whales, and lowered for them. Saw land, on the  
 Kamtschatka shore, bearing N N E; distant 40  
 miles. Latitude,  $61^{\circ}38'$  north of the equator.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Light, variable, winds. Working to the northeast.  
 Capes Nararin, and St Thaddeus in sight. Saw  
 considerable scattering ice during the day. Spoke  
 ship Champion, of Edgartown. Lat,  $62^{\circ}04'$  north.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Light, variable, easterly, winds. The ship under  
 all sail, in the ice. Caught two walrus.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, May 1863.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Light, variable, winds. The ship under short sail; in the ice, about 40 miles northeast from Cape Thaddeus.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, variable, southeasterly winds. The ship, under short sail; in, and, around the ice.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds, with some snow. The ship in the ice, in the Anadir Sea.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, westerly winds. Lowered for a bowhead. In the company, of ships Kreindeer, and Fabius, & barks Samerlane, Sagada, & Barnstable, of N Bedford. Latitude,  $63^{\circ} 35'$  north.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable southeasterly winds; with some fog. Around the ice, in the Anadir Sea.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, June 1863.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light, variable, airs. The ship, in, and around ice; in the Anadir Sea. Lowered for whales.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Middling, strong variable winds. The ship around the ice. Lowered for<sup>a</sup> whale.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, winds; and calms. The ship, in and, around ice. Saw land, in the vicinity of Cape Behring, bearing N E, distant about 30 miles. Lowered for whales. Latitude,  $64^{\circ}16'$ , north.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, variable, southerly winds. The ship around ice. Saw 13 vessels & Cape Behring Lat  $64^{\circ}32'$ .

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, variable, southwesterly winds. Around the ice. Spoke ship Corinthian, of N B. Lat;  $64^{\circ}25'$ , north.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, winds. Around the ice. Spoke ships Wm & Nye, of San Francisco, & Adeline, of N B. Lat;  $64^{\circ}16'$ .

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Light, variable, southwesterly winds. Around ice in the Anadir Sea. Lowered for a whale. Latitude  $64^{\circ}02'$ .

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, southerly winds; with some fog, at times. Signalized a barque, which we supposed to be the Camilla Camilla, of N B. No observation.



Remains on board ship Thomas Dickson, June, 1863.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong variable easterly winds. Cruising around ice, in the Anadir Sea.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Slight and moderate southeasterly winds. Cruising around ice about 30 miles southeast from Cape Behring.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Slight southerly winds; with some fog, and rain. Spoke ships Euphrates and Navy, and bark Camilla, of New Bedford. Cruising around ice.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Slight southeasterly winds, with some rain. Spoke ship Europa of Edgartown. Cruising in the vicinity of the ice. Saw land near Cape Behring, bearing N.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Slight southeasterly winds with some fog. Spoke barge Martha, of New Bedford.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong southeasterly winds. Saw some ice, and land near Flower Bay. No celebration today.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light variable easterly winds. Cruising in the vicinity of the ice. Saw land near Cape Behring.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, June 1863.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong variable winds. Spoke ship Brunswick, of New Bedford.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Middling strong northeasterly winds with some fog and rain in, and around ice, near Plover Bay

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Light variable easterly winds, with some fog around the ice. Several Esquimaux came on board.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Light variable southerly winds, with some fog. Saw St Lawrence Island bearing about east. Saw several vessels and some finback whales

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Light variable southerly winds. Around ice. Sounded for whales and the chief mate struck one, we took it to the ship, and cut it. Several boats came alongside from St Lawrence Island.



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason July 1863.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Strong southwesterly winds, with thick weather. The ship under prudent sail, in the vicinity of the ice, northwesterward from St Lawrence Island.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate and light northwesterly winds. Steering southwesterly, along shore, toward Plover Bay. Birling.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. Working through scattering ice to the westward till 6 P.M., then came to with the port anchor in Plover Bay, in 11 fathoms. Finished hoiling

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Light variable southerly winds with fog. Got the starboard anchor off, and bent the chain. Stowed the oil.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Light southeasterly winds. Employed getting water.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds with some fog. Got underway and moved the ship  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile nearer to the shore to clear some ice; and let go again in 7 fathoms of water.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Light winds, with some fog. Laying in Plover Bay.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Light variable airs, with some fog. Laying in Plover Bay. Looked for a devilfish-whale.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. Got underway, and went about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles <sup>to the eastward</sup>, but the breeze failed and we came to again in 22 fathoms of water. Lettered a dense fog.

Remarks on board ship *Thomas Dickson*, July, 1863.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Light variable airs, with fog, and some rain.  
The ship laying at an anchor in Flower Bay.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light variable winds with some fog. At 4 P.M. got underway, and left Flower Bay. At 8 P.M. came to an anchor again a little to the eastward of Flower Bay, and about 3 miles from the land.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Moderate, variable southwesterly winds. At 1 o'clock A.M. got underway & started along the land to the eastward toward Behring's Straits Letterpart steering N.E.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable southerly winds with some fog. Working (when clear) toward Port Clarence, which lies on the American side of the Straits; in a northeasterly direction.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate and middling strong southeasterly winds, with some fog and rain. Working to the northeastward. At 8 P.M. then came to an anchor at Port Clarence with the foot anchor in about eight fathoms of water and about 2 miles northeastward of the point of the sand-spit. About 10 o'clock A.M. passed to the northward of Behring's Island, and saw the American shore about the same time.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, July, 1863.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

Experienced strong southeasterly winds. About 9 A.M. the ship began to drag her anchor, and we paid out chain to 90 fathoms that not stopping her, we let go the starboard anchor with 75 fathoms of chain, sent down the fore and main topgallant, and main royal yards and made preparations for slipping; finding that she still dragged we let go the kedge anchor, but still failed to bring her up. About half past three P.M. (not having much more room to drag) we slipped our cables, and stowed S.W. with prudent sail, & thereafter the wind more moderate.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds, with thick weather the greatest part of the day. The ship knocking around in the Straits. Sent aloft the main topgallant yard and sail.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Light variable southerly winds with some fog. Working toward Port Clarence, for the purpose of getting our anchors.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds with some fog. The ship laying around in the Straits awaiting an opportunity to go to Port Clarence after firewood & anchors.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, August, 1863

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Moderate and mild in the morning. In the morning got a kedgeree anchor and got the chains of the ship, the Victoria, and then steamed eastward for Fort Clarence. Latter part the ship lay off and on, at Fort Clarence.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Foggy, mild in shore; latter part, moderate northerly winds. About 9 A.M. came to with a kedgeree near by our anchors and commenced to haul up our chains by the means of the two ropes boat anchors grapples &c, and got the port chain aboard. Latter part more moderate.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Light northerly winds. Employed at getting the chains and anchors clear, and getting firewood from the shore. Quite a number of natives came on board.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Foggy, light variable winds. Got the ship under way at 7 A.M. but came to again, on account of strong currents, and got off some firewood. Latter part moderate variable southeasterly winds. At 4 P.M. took the anchor, and put to sea, steering N.E. and at 7 stood west.



Days on board ship Thomas Dickson, August 1863.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Strong, moderate, easterly winds; steering to the westward. Middle light variable winds; working to the northward. Saw the Victoria and returned her anchor and chain. Light part moderate northerly winds. Spoke back Harvest of H. Tatulu, off East Cape about 7 o'clock P.M.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light variable northerly winds. Lat  $66^{\circ}34'$  north. Lon  $170^{\circ}34'$  west.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds. The ship cruising along to the north westward. Lat  $66^{\circ}16'$  Lon  $172^{\circ}56'$ .

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and mellowing strong winds from the northeastward. At 4 A.M. saw Herald's Island and at 7 saw bowhead whales. The third officer caught a whale. Saw ice to the westward. Lat  $71^{\circ}06'$  north.



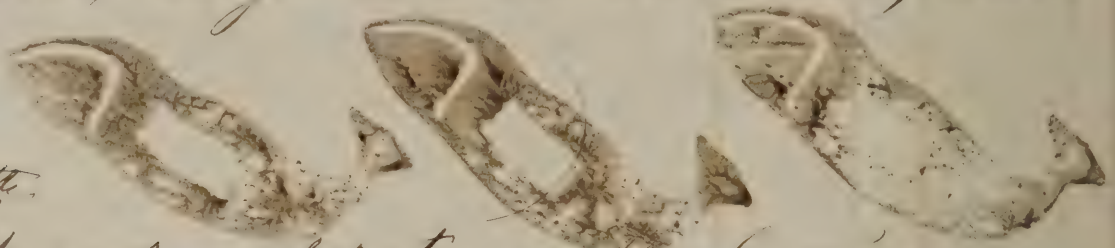
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Wilding strong northerly winds with some fog. The ship around ice, about 20 miles eastward of Herald's Island. The third officer caught a whale.

Knapic and ship Thomas Dickason, August, 1863

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Light northerly winds, with some fog.  
The ship lay to and under short  
sail in the vicinity of ice, near Knudsen  
Island. The second, and fourth  
officers, caught a bow head whale, each



Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Light, and, moderate, northerly winds.  
The fourth officer caught a whale

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Light northerly winds, with some fog.  
Employed at whaling, boiling & storing oil.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with strong northerly winds  
which hauled to the southward at six  
A.M. and increased to a gale, so that the  
blubber "between decks", shifted causing  
the ship to careen nearly on her beam  
ends, carrying away the waist, & bow, boats,  
when at 9 A.M. the wind more moderate.  
Compass yesterday, was 71, & 2 north.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Widdling strong northerly winds.  
Boiling and storing Latitude 71, 16



marks on board ship Thomas Dickason, August, 1863.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

~~Thomas~~ Moderate easterly winds with thick weather. Boiling blubber

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

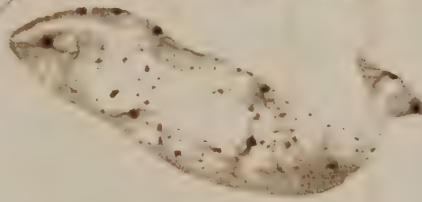
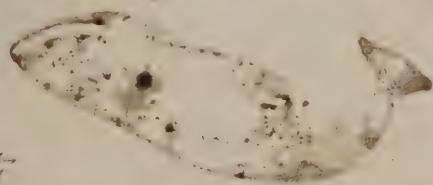
Moderate southerly winds. Got out a new bow-boat. Saw Howlands I, bearing N W Lat  $70^{\circ}44'N$

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate variable southerly winds, with fog in the forenoon. Seen Howlands and Phoenix Islands in sight to the westward, also ice. Lat.  $70^{\circ}58'N$

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Light variable easterly winds, with some fog. The 1<sup>st</sup> officer caught a whale, and got his back steven



Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light variable westerly winds with some fog, now and rain. The second, and third officers, got a whale, each.



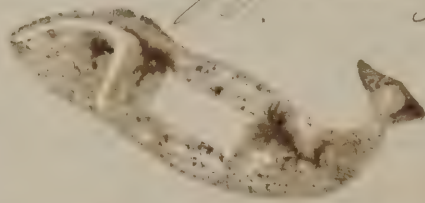
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

Light and moderate variable winds. The third officer caught a whale.

Remarks on the ship "Sigsbee" in the Gulf of Alaska, 1863

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Light & variable winds, and calms.  
The third officer got a whale



Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds, with some fog  
Cruising for whales, with easy sail. Baling & stowing

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Latitude 68° 45' N.

Moderate and middling strong variable  
winds. Employed at baling and stowing.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light, and middling strong, easterly  
winds. Baling and stowing. L 70° 30' S, 178° 09' W.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong variable  
winds. Spoke bark Tropic, of St. Beaufort.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly winds, with some  
snow squalls. Finished baling.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly winds. Went a new fore and  
main top sail. Spoke ship Ocean of Warren.  
Saw a large body of ice to the westward.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly winds. Saw some ice.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong northwesterly winds. In  
the latter part steering E by S. Latitude 68° 16' north



marks on board ship *Thomas Dickson*, September, 1863.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Forepart middle line strong northwesterly winds, steering E by S. At noon steered S S E At 5 P M, saw land on the western shore of the Arctic, and hauled more to the eastward steering a shore course for the Straits; East Cape in sight at 7 P M. Latter part, light northerly winds

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Northerly winds, forepart, moderate; latter part strong in squalls. Passed E Cape about 9 A M, and steered to the south westward, toward St Lawrence Bay, where we came to an anchor about half past six P M, in 10 fathoms of water. The ship *St. Anne*, of Bedford came to, at the same time, & place.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northerly winds, with some fog. At six A M took the anchor & put to sea steering through the Straits to the southward, toward Cape Chapman. Latter part, steering south per compass.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northeasterly winds steering to the southward. Passed to the westward, and within 10 miles of St Lawrence Island.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light variable winds; working toward St Matthews Island, which we saw at 6 A M, bearing S, thirty miles distant.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, September, 1863.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Light variable easterly winds. Cruising off the northwest end of St. Matthews Island in company with the *Ideline*. Employed in copying whalebone. Lat,  $66^{\circ}37'$  north.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate variable winds. Letter post steering ESE. Lat,  $59^{\circ}42'$ . Lon  $174^{\circ}12'$  west.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable northerly winds. Steering to the southeastward. At 12 P.M. saw St. Pauls Island, sailing southeast, distant thirty miles and passed it about 6 P.M. Lat,  $57^{\circ}36'$ . Lon,  $113^{\circ}59'$ .

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light northerly winds. Steering S by E, in company with the *Ideline*. Lat,  $55^{\circ}04'$ .

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate northeasterly winds. Steering S by E. About 5 P.M. saw one of the Fox Islands bearing SSE, distant, 30 miles. Lat,  $53^{\circ}37'$ . Lon,  $171^{\circ}23'$ .

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. About 3 A.M. passed through the Fox Islands, at what is known as the 172 passage. Course after clearing the land ESE. Sent aboard the fore and main royal and foretopgallant yards and sails. At 7 P.M. parted company with the *Ideline*.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, October, 1863.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Moderate and middling strong variable south-easterly winds. Working to the southward Lat,  $51^{\circ}32'$  N. Lon,  $117^{\circ}09'$  west.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Blowing strong from N.W. Steering E & E.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Moderate variable winds. Steering west. Latitude  $45^{\circ}15'$  Longitude  $15^{\circ}02'$  west.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Light westerly winds. Steering east & south. Lat,  $43^{\circ}18'$  Lon,  $154^{\circ}09'$ .

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Moderate westerly, and strong southerly winds. Course E. Washing whalebone. Lat,  $41^{\circ}10'$  S,  $146^{\circ}48'$ .

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and light winds, varying, from west to south. Course, E. Lat,  $39^{\circ}40'$  S,  $139^{\circ}33'$ .

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Moderate, and light, variable westerly winds. Course E. Latitude,  $38^{\circ}20'$ . Longitude,  $133^{\circ}34'$  west.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Light, and moderate, variable northwesterly winds. Steering east-northeast. Lat,  $38^{\circ}02'$  Lon,  $130^{\circ}22'$ . Finished washing the bone.

Thames a bark ship Thomas Dickson, October 1863.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Forepart strong northerly winds; the ship lying to under short sail on the port tack. Afterpart moderate northwesterly winds, steering N E. At 9 P M saw the Farallone Light bearing N E by E. Latitude,  $37^{\circ}31'$  N. Lon,  $124^{\circ}25'$  west.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Light variable westerly winds. About 1 A M, passed the Farallones, steering N E, took a pilot for San Francisco, about sunrise and came to an anchor there, at 1 P M.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Winds, N W. Bundling whale bone.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Went alongside of Market St Wharf, with steam, for the purpose of discharging our oil.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Northwesterly winds. Employed at discharging oil, for shipment per ships Invincible, of and for Boston Mass.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Towed the ship, with a steam tug, near to our former berth, and came to an anchor, about 10 A M.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

Blowing strong northerly winds. Laying anchored at San Francisco.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, Dec, 1863.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Forepart light variable winds; latter part, fresh northwesterly winds. About 10 o'clock left San Francisco in tow with a steam tug and went to sea. Whilst being in S. F. we discharged about 1800 barrels of oil, and 20,000 lbs of whalebone, got a new fore yard discharged the third and fourth officers, and the greater part of the crew, and shipped others in their places.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northwesterly winds. Steering down the coast to the southward. Latitude,  $33^{\circ}20'$  north of the equator.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northwesterly winds. Steering S by E. Lat  $31^{\circ}08'$ .

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate variable northwesterly winds. Steering along the coast to the southeastward. Passed to the westward and in sight of the Island of Gaudaloupe. Latitude thirty degrees north.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Moderate northwesterly winds. Cruising along in sight of Cerros Islands and the Coast. Spoke whaleships, Fabius & Euphroses of New Bedford. Lat  $27^{\circ}28'$  north.

Remarks on board ship *Thomas Dickason*, December, 1860

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light variable winds. Cruising in sight of the coast, and near to the island of Ascension. Got the port anchor off of the bow.

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong northerly winds. About 10 A M came to with the port anchor, in Ballenas Bay and about 8 miles from the shore. Latitude, 26 ———, north.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate breezes; forepart northerly; latter part westerly. At 9 A M, got the ship underway and worked up about 5 miles nearer to the land in a northeasterly direction, and came to again at 12 M, in 5 fathoms of water.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. A seaman, named Kankey, deserted. Latitude 26° 40'.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate and light northwesterly winds. Employed at painting the ship.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong northerly winds.

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Strong, moderate, and light, northerly winds. At 4 A M took the anchor and left Ballenas Bay steering down the coast.

Thus ends *Annals*, a thousand 863.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason January, 1864.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Light variable northerly winds. Steering to the southeastward along the California Coast. Employed at stowing casks, and filling them for ballast.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Light variable northwesterly winds. About 4 P.M. came to with the port anchor in 18 fathoms of water, in the mouth of Margarita Bay, and near by the ship California, of N.B. Lat,  $24^{\circ}20'$  North.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Light variable northwesterly winds. At 8 A.M. took the anchor, and steered along the Coast to the southeastward.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Light variable winds. Arrived off Cape St. Lucas about noon and captain Stewart went on shore and came on board at 4 P.M. Latter part heading to the eastward in the company of the bark Gratitude of B. Lat,  $22^{\circ}48'$ .

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Light moderate and middling strong northwesterly winds Working up the Gulf of California to the northward Lat,  $23^{\circ}06'$ .

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong northwesterly winds Working up the Gulf of Cal. Lat,  $23^{\circ}23'$ .

Remarks on board ship *Thomas Dickason*, January, 1864

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong northerly winds. Working to the Northward, up the Gulf of California. Spoke hermaphrodite brig *Franklin Adams*. Lat,  $23^{\circ}35'$ , north.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, and moderate northwesterly winds. Course N. Lat,  $23^{\circ}50'$ .

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable northwesterly winds. Working up the Gulf. Saw some (devilfish and humpback) whales. Lat  $25^{\circ}02'$ .

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northwesterly winds. Sounded for blackfish off the mouth of La Paz Bay.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northwesterly winds. About 10 A.M., saw land on the eastern shore of the Gulf of California. Spoke steamer *Sierra Nevada*, of S. Francisco. Lat  $23^{\circ}00'$ .

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Light and moderate northwesterly winds. Working along the coast of Mexico to the southward. Sounded for a humpback, when off the town (or city) of Mazatlan. Latitude,  $23^{\circ}15'$ .



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, January, 1864.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Cruising around the Tres Maria Islands. Lat, 2° 45' N.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. About 6 P.M., anchored in 22 fathoms of water and about two miles from the Mexican coast. The second officer caught a humpback whale.

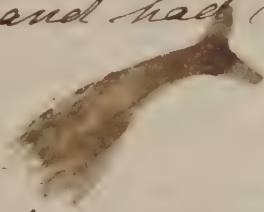


Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. At 8 A.M. got underway and cruised along to the southward.

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Northwesterly winds. About 2 P.M. came to in Banderas Bay in 10 fathoms of water. The first officer struck a humpback, got stove, and had to cut from it.



Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds. Got underway, worked farther up the Bay, and came to again. Looked for whales.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Light variable winds. Laying anchored in Banderas Bay. Several Mexicans came on board.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, February, 1861.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Light variable winds. The ship lying at an anchor, in Banderas Bay.

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Light northeasterly winds. At 9 A.M. took the anchor, to leave Banderas Bay.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Light northeasterly winds. Course W S W. Latitude, nineteen fortyeight, north.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Working to the southwestward. Lat, 18° 48'. Lon 109° 31' west.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable northerly winds. At sunrise saw the island of Socorro, bearing W S W, distant about thirty miles. Lat, 18° 38'.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds. Cruising around Socorro. Saw several humpbacks and lowered for them. Lat 18° 36'. Lon, 114° 06'.

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds, with some rain. Working to the westward.

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeasterly winds. The ship on opposite heels. Lat 19° 12'. Lon, 114° 23'.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, February, 1864.

Monday, ~~18<sup>th</sup>~~ 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light northeasterly winds. About 7 P.M. arrived off Clarion Island, and spoke ship Bartholomew Gosnold, of New Bedford. Latitude,  $18^{\circ}38'$  north.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeasterly winds. Cruising around Clarion Island. Three boats went near the land, after humpback whales.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable northerly winds; cruising near Clarion Island. The fourth officer struck a humpback, but the iron broke, and we lost the whale.

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeasterly winds, with some thunder showers. Steering south-southwest. Spoke whaleship B. Gosnold, of New Bedford.

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Forepart, light variable; latter part, moderate northeasterly winds with some rain. Latitude,  $12^{\circ}30'$ . Lon  $118^{\circ}28'$ . Course SSW.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, March, 1864

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate northeasterly winds. Steering S S W. Latitude,  $8^{\circ}56'$  N. Lon,  $121^{\circ}22'$  W.

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong northeasterly winds. Cruising, to find sperm whales.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong northeast winds. Cruising for sperm whales. Lat.  $8^{\circ}08'$  Lon  $122^{\circ}08'$ .

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeasterly winds. Forepart, cruising latter part steering W S W. Lat,  $8^{\circ}04'$ .

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate N E winds. Course W S W. Lat,  $9^{\circ}38'$ .

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeast trade winds. Steering west northwest Lat,  $11^{\circ}30'$  Lon,  $131^{\circ}24'$ .

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeast trades. Employed at painting the ship on the inside. Course W S W.

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Strong northeast trade winds. Steering west northwest Lat,  $14^{\circ}45'$ .

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong northeast trade winds. Steering W by N. Lat,  $17^{\circ}24'$  Lon  $144^{\circ}46'$ .



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, 1864.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, northeast trades  
Steering about W. Lat, 19° 30'; N. Lon, 154° 12', west.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds  
Took a pilot and came to an anchor in  
eight fathoms of water at Hewanee,  
Hawaii Id. About 12 P.M. had strong  
wily-waws, and let go the second anchor.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Employed at getting firewood from the shore.  
Also got some Irish potatoes

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fairly light variable winds. Latter part,  
strong S.E. trades At 3 P.M. got underway,  
steering about W.N.W. for Honolulu.

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Arrived off Honolulu, Oahu, about noon,  
and Captain Stewart went on shore  
Latter part, off and on. Strong trade winds.

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Middling strong, northeast, trade-  
winds. The ship under present sail,  
laying off and on at Honolulu,  
Oahu, Sandwich Islands  
Sent a boat in to the town.

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, April, 1867.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr.

Light, moderate, and middleline strong winds, principally from the N. & N.E. The ship laying off and on at Honolulu.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr.

Light, and moderate, variable winds. The bark of the Honolulu; Satterthart steering about west for Hawaii. Whilst lying at Honolulu, discharged a boat-steerer and a seaman, and shipped a boat-steerer, carpenter and five seamen. Received letters but no papers.

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Apr.

Light variable winds At Macleod. It came to with the port anchor in 11 fathoms of water at Kaloa, Hawaii, S.I.

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.

Light variable winds Laying at an anchor at Kaloa, Hawaii. Getting water.

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Apr.

Light variable winds; with some rain.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr.

Light variable winds; with thunder and rain. At 7 P.M. left Kaloa; steering southerly to get an offing.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> Apr.

Moderate northeast trades; steering west. Spoke ship Euphrates of N.B. Discovered that three natives of the S.I. were on board, they had secreted themselves on board at Kaloa. Latitude  $21^{\circ}4'$  north.



Rumrill's on board ship Thomas Dickson, April, 1864.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Strong northeast trade winds. The ship under all sail, including a foretopmast studding sail. Course N. Latitude,  $22^{\circ}47'$  north.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate N. E. trades. Steering N. by N. Lat,  $24^{\circ}59'$  Lon,  $173^{\circ}59'$  west.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate northerly winds. Course N. by N. Lat,  $26^{\circ}44'$  Lon,  $174^{\circ}08'$  west.

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate variable winds. Course N. by N. Lat,  $29^{\circ}56'$ .

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate variable easterly winds. Steering north northwest.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong northerly winds. Course N. by N. Lat  $37^{\circ}40'$  Longitude,  $174^{\circ}45'$  east.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds. Course N. by N.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Light, moderate, and middling strong, northerly winds. The ship on opposite tacks. Lat,  $42^{\circ}12'$ .

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, May, 1864.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate, and middling strong, northerly winds. The ship by the wind, on opposite tacks.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate variable northeasterly winds. Course north by west. Latitude,  $44^{\circ}27'$  N. Lon,  $170^{\circ}59'$  East.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable winds (northerly). Course north by west Latitude,  $44^{\circ}23'$  north.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong variable northerly winds. On the Starboard tack, the wind. Saw a very red, right whale. Lat,  $49^{\circ}40'$ . Lon,  $169^{\circ}59'$ .

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Strong northerly winds. Under easy sail.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong variable northerly winds with some snow. Lat  $52^{\circ}22'$ .

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, moderate, and light, variable, westerly winds. Course north.

At 1 P.M. saw Etton, (the most western of the Fox Islands) bearing N.E. by E, per compass, distant about fifty miles. Hove to three fathoms for a right whale. Lat,  $52^{\circ}33'$ . Lon,  $171^{\circ}50'$ .



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, May, 1864.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Light and middling strong easterly winds. Courses, N, and N by E. Lowered three boats for a right-whale. Lat,  $53^{\circ}28'$  north.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northwesterly winds. Course N. Latitude  $53^{\circ}36'$  north. Longitude,  $172^{\circ}16'$  E.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable southerly winds. At three o'clock A.M. saw some light ice. Spoke barks Oriole, and Congress; and ship Bartholomew Gosnold, of N Bedford.

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate southeasterly winds. Cruising around in light, open, ice.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeasterly winds. Spoke bark Martha, and ship Fabius, of N Bedford. Lat  $53^{\circ}45'$ .

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate northeasterly winds. Amongst ice spoke whaleship General West of Harvee.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light winds; principally from the northward. Saw some ice. Some fog. Spoke ship Corinthian, and bark Washington, of N.B. Received a letter by the Corinthian.

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Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Slight easterly winds. Cruising in, and around ice. Spoke ship *M<sup>t</sup> Wharton* of New Bedford Lat,  $51^{\circ}25'$  N. Lon,  $172^{\circ}28'$  east.

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fore part, strong easterly winds. In the latter part, nearly calm. Cruising near ice.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Slight, and moderate, variable northeasterly winds, and calms, with some fog. Around the ice.

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light northwesterly winds. In the company of ship *Europa*, bark *Camille* and *Samerlane* of N.B., and *Braganza*, of Honolulu.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Slight, and moderate, variable northerly winds. Spoke ships *Gov<sup>mt</sup> Group*, *Eliza Adams*, and *Euphrates* and barks *Hellen Snow*, of N.B. Also; German ship *Julian*.



# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, June, 1864.

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate and strong northerly winds. Cruising, in, and around the ice.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong northerly winds, with some rain and fog. Cruising near ice. Spoke bark Whizail, of N.B.

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Middling strong moderate and light variable northerly winds. Lat, 58° 36' N.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable northerly winds. Spoke bark Trabella, of N Bedford. Lat, 58° 42'.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. Spoke ship Emily Morgan, of New Bedford.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. Working through light ice to the N.E. Spoke ship Hector of B.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable westerly winds. Working to the northeast through some ice. Lat, 60° 38'. Lon, 17° 05' E.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Light southerly winds, with some fog. Following the edge of the ice to the northeast. Spoke ship Milo of N Bedford. Lat, 61° 27'.

Remarks on the ship *Thomas Dickason*, June, 1864.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Light moderate and, sometimes strong southerly winds with fog. On opposite tacks.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light southeasterly winds with fog. The ship on opposite tacks.

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable northwesterly winds with some fog. Working to the northward. At 8 P.M. saw land near Cape Thadens, bearing about W.

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Working to the northward through some ice. Lat, 62° 42', N.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Light & moderate variable northwesterly winds. Working to the northward, through some ice. At 6 P.M. saw land on the eastern shore of the Inadiv Sea, bearing about N.N.E. No celebration today. Latitude, 63° 20', N. Longitude, 186° 50', West.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light and moderate variable southerly winds. The ship under all sail, steering to the northward in Bherings Straits; till eight P.M. then, came to with the port anchor, in the mouth of St. Lawrence. Bar in ten fathoms of water. Saw considerable ice in the bay. Natives came aboard. Lat, 64° 55'.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson; June, 1864.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Light easterly winds with some fog. Got the ship underway, & went nearer to the watering place; but the wind, current, and ice, being unfavorable, we let go again near by the same former berth, about four o'clock P.M.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Light and moderate southerly winds. At 10 A.M. took the anchor and left Saint Lawrence Bay. The third officer caught a bowhead whale. Gattapart cut the whale.



Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong southerly wind with some fog. Gattapart, steering through the Strait and suppose we passed Cape East at 6 A.M.; then steered to the northwest, till about 9 P.M., then saw ice, and spoke back chimed, of V.B.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Light S.E. winds. Cruising around the ice. Sounded twice for whales. Latitude, 68° 06' north.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Light variable airs. Sounded for whales.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and middling strong southerly winds with some fog. Sounded for a whale in the ice. Spoke back from E. by of San Francisco. Saw land to the eastward. Latitude, 68° 15'.

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Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate southerly winds, with considerable fog. Latitude, sixty-eight forty six north.

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northwesterly winds. Cruising for whales, in, and around, ice, in the Arctic Ocean. Saw the Mils, Ediza Adam and several other vessels. Celebrated the day by setting a new try-pot in the place of a cracked.

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light variable northwesterly winds. Cruising around the ice. Spoke ship George Howard, of V.B. & Son W<sup>m</sup>, of N. London.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northwesterly winds, with some fog. Spoke bark Mercury, of V.B. Lat; 67° 30'.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate northerly winds. Spoke ship Edward Cary, of Nantucket.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and increasing strong northerly winds, with some fog. Cruising near the ice.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong northerly winds, with some fog. Cruising around the ice. Spoke bark Vineyard of Edgartown. Lat; 68° 45'.



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, July, 1864.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northerly winds with some fog.  
Caught some walrus, on the ice.  
Latitude,  $63^{\circ}48'$ ; L. Longitude,  $183^{\circ}43'$  W.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable southeasterly winds cruising around ice. Caught 20 walrus. Lat,  $68^{\circ}48'$ .

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable northerly winds, with some fog. Employed at boiling walrus blubber.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable easterly winds.  
Spoke ship Gay Head, of N. B. Lat,  $68^{\circ}50'$ . Lon,  $184^{\circ}28'$ .

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light variable northerly winds cruising around the ice. Saw a bowhead whale. Lat,  $68^{\circ}28'$ .

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Light, and, moderate, variable, winds, with some fog.  
Spoke ship Janus, of Bedford. Lat,  $68^{\circ}05'$ .

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong winds from the southward, with some fog.  
Saw two vessels, several cakes of ice, and, one whale. Lat,  $68^{\circ}16'$  Lon,  $184^{\circ}07'$ .

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, July, 1864.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, southerly, and strong, westerly winds. Sounded for a whale. Lat  $69^{\circ}08'$  north.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Light moderate and middling strong variable winds, principally from the southward. Spoke bark Catherine of London. Latitude,  $69^{\circ}42'$ . Longitude,  $179^{\circ}34'$  W.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong westerly winds, with some snow squalls. The ship under easy sail, on opposite tacks. Saw some ice. Lat,  $69^{\circ}04'$  north.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate and light variable northerly winds, with some snow. Cruising around amongst light scattering ice. Spoke ship Europa at Edgartown. Lat  $68^{\circ}54'$ .



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, August, 1864.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Light variable winds Cruising around the ice. Sounded for a whale.

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Moderate variable westerly winds. Spoke ship Adeline, of N.B. Lat,  $69^{\circ}14'$ , N.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Middling strong, moderate, and light, westerly winds. Cruising around the ice. Sounded for whales Lat,  $69^{\circ}08'$ , north.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Middling strong and moderate easterly winds, Cruising around ice. Sounded for a whale.

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Moderate variable northerly winds, with some fog and rain. Cruising around the ice. Sounded twice for whales. Lat,  $69^{\circ}28'$ .

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Light, and strong, northerly winds. Sounded for a whale. Spoke ship Brunswick, of N.B. Lat,  $69^{\circ}34'$ .

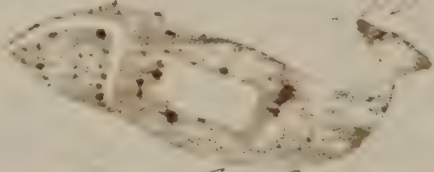
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Middling strong, northerly winds, with considerable snow. Cruising around the ice. Spoke ship Nassau, of N.B.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Moderate and light variable northerly winds, X X with some fog. Cruising around the ice. Bent a new main topmast stay sail. Latitude,  $69^{\circ}33'$ . Longitude,  $117^{\circ}02'$ .

Remarks on board ship, Thomas Dickson, August.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable northerly winds, with some fog and snow. Cruising in the ice. The second officer caught a whale.



Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, and light, northwesterly winds; with some fog. Lowered for a whale.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Light; variable, northwesterly, winds; with some fog. Latitude,  $69^{\circ}45'$  north.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeasterly winds. Around the ice. Spoke bark fireh Swift of N.B. Lat,  $69^{\circ}45'$ .

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Light southeasterly winds. Lowered twice for whales. Spoke ship California, of N.B. Latitude,  $69^{\circ}54'$  north. Longitude,  $174^{\circ}02'$  W.

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Light easterly winds. Lowered twice. for whales. Spoke ship Knollys, and bark Pacific, of N.B.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Light and middling strong easterly winds; with fog. Cruising amongst scattering ice.

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate, and light variable winds; with some fog. Under requisite sail. Saw some ice.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, August, 1867.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds, and calms. with some fog. Latitude,  $70^{\circ}20'$ , north.

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds; with some fog. Sounded for a whale Lat,  $70^{\circ}10'$  Lon,  $172^{\circ}44'$  W.

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong northeasterly winds; with some fog. Tronned the ice. Sounded for whales Lat,  $70^{\circ}17'$ .

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable northerly winds; with some fog. Tronned the ice. Sounded for whale.

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Light moderate and middling strong variable winds. Cruising near a field of heavy, packed, ice. Sounded for whales, and the the first officer struck one, which went into the ice; the first, iron broke, the second drew, and the fish sheered off.

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Strong, and middling strong, westerly winds. Under easy sail, on opposite tacks. Saw some ice.

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate and light variable winds. Under requisite sail, cruising near the ice.

Remarks on board ship *Thomas Dickason*, September, 1864.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Light and moderate, easterly winds; with some rain, and, snow. Cruising in and around ice. Spoke ship *Hilman*, of N.B. Lat,  $70^{\circ} 4'$ , north.

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate, and light variable winds; with some snow. Spoke bark *Covington*, of Warren, N.S.

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Moderate variable; and strong, northerly, winds. Spoke bark *Coral*, of N Bedford.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong moderate and light northerly winds; with some snow and fog. Celebrated the day by going on board of ship *Euphrates* Lat,  $69^{\circ} 12'$ , Lon,  $174^{\circ} 03'$ , W.

Monday: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds; with some fog. Saw ice. Bent a new main spencer.

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Light moderate, and strong northeasterly winds (the first officer struck a bowhead whale, and the iron drew. Lat,  $69^{\circ} 28'$ .

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, and, middling strong, southerly, wind; with some rain, fog, and, snow. Lat,  $68^{\circ} 54'$ . Lon,  $172^{\circ} 12'$ .



Remarks on vessel ship Thomas Dickson, September, 1864.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Light, moderate, and middling strong, variable, winds; principally from the northward. Sounded for a whale. Lat,  $69^{\circ}40'$ , north.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, northeasterly winds. The ship heaving to the eastward. Saw ice, to the westward. Lat,  $69^{\circ}39'$ , N. Lon,  $168^{\circ}22'$ , west.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Light, and moderate, variable, winds. Saw Cape East, bearing S S W, at 3 P.M., and passed it at 12. Spoke barque, Ciccola of Bedford. Lat  $66^{\circ}35'$ . Lon,  $168^{\circ}21'$ .

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, moderate, and light, variable, winds. At 10 P.M., came to with the port anchor (in 11 fathoms of water) in Flower Bay.

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Light, variable, winds. Took the anchor, and worked farther up the Bay (above the sand spit) and came to again, in 28 fathoms of water.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Employed at getting water, and stones for ballast.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light variable winds. Got underway, but the wind failing shortly after, we came to again near our former berth.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, September, 1861

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Light, moderate, and middling strong, variable, easterly, winds. At night V. H. took the anchor and left Flower Bay. Steering S by E, when the wind permitted it.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Light, and moderate, variable, easterly, winds. On the port tack. Lat  $61^{\circ}46'$  north.

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, and moderate variable northerly winds; with fog, and, rain. On opposite tacks.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable northerly winds, with some rain, and, fog. Forepart on opposite tacks; middle, steering E; latterpart, E by S. Lat,  $58^{\circ}50'$  Lon,  $173^{\circ}04'$  west.

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Light, variable, winds; with some fog and, rain. Forepart, on opposite tacks; middle, steering E; latterpart, E by S. Bent a new fly-jib. Lat,  $58^{\circ}20'$  Lon,  $171^{\circ}30'$ .



*Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, October, 1864.*

*Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Light variable westerly winds. The ship under requisite sail, working to the southeastward. At 5 P.M., saw St Pauls Island, bearing S S W, distant 30 miles, nearly. Lat,  $57^{\circ}30'$  N. Lon,  $178^{\circ}28'$  west.

*Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

Blistering strong, light, and moderate, variable, winds. Looked for right whales Lat,  $56^{\circ}33'$ .

*Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>.*

Strong variable northerly winds. Under short sail, on opposite tacks. At 7 A.M., saw St Georges Island, bearing N. Lat,  $58^{\circ}09'$ .

*Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>.*

Strong, moderate, and light, variable, westerly, winds. Looking for whales Lat,  $55^{\circ}29'$  Lon,  $179^{\circ}14'$ .

*Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>.*

Strong northwesterly winds. Part of the time, hove to under a goose-winged main topsail; and part of the time, steering S S E. Latitude,  $55^{\circ}43'$ . Longitude,  $179^{\circ}28'$ .

*Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>.*

For part, strong northwesterly winds; steering S by E. Latter part, light, and moderate, variable southerly winds. At 1 P.M., saw land on both sides of the 172 passage, through the Fox Islands. Lat  $53^{\circ}02'$  Lon  $179^{\circ}53'$ .

# Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, October, 1864.

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, and moderate, variable, westerly, winds. Sent aloft the fore royal yard, and, sail. Steering E. Carrying all sail including the fore studding sail. Lat,  $48^{\circ}53'$  N. Lon,  $165^{\circ}40'$  W.

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate winds; fore part, westerly. After part, easterly. Course E. Employed at scraping whalebone. Lat,  $48^{\circ}42'$ .

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Blowing a northwesterly gale; with strong squalls. Steering east. Lat,  $46^{\circ}48'$  Lon,  $156^{\circ}26'$ .

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Strong and middling strong variable winds, principally from the westward. Course east. Bent a new jib. Lat,  $42^{\circ}30'$  Lon,  $146^{\circ}11'$ .

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable southerly winds. Course E. Carrying all sail. Employed at washing whalebone. Lat,  $41^{\circ}50'$  Lon,  $144^{\circ}11'$ .

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light and moderate variable southerly winds. Course, east. Lat,  $40^{\circ}37'$  Lon,  $135^{\circ}20'$ .

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, variable, northwesterly, winds. Steering east by north. Lat,  $38^{\circ}35'$  Lon,  $127^{\circ}02'$ .



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, October, 1864.

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Light, variable, southerly, winds. At 11 A.M. saw the coast of California. Spoke bark Coral, of New Bedford. Latitude,  $37^{\circ}5'$  north.

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable westerly winds. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, came to an anchor at San Francisco, Cal.

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Light, and moderate, variable, westerly, winds; and calms. Employed bundling whale-bone.

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Blowing strong, and moderate, northerly, winds. The ship, laying anchored at, San Francisco.

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Light and moderate winds; principally from the northward, and north-westward.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, November, 1864.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Light variable winds. The ship, laying at an anchor, at San Francisco.

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Fresh northerly winds. At 9 A.M., bark Canton Packet collided with us, carrying away our fly-jib-boom; let go the port anchor (underfoot) as soon as we separated.

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable winds. Employed at painting ship, outside and heaving up the port anchor.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Moderate, and middling strong, southeasterly winds. At 10 A.M. took the anchor, and dropped a few miles down the bay; and came to again at 12, M.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Variable winds, principally southeast. At 9 A.M. took the anchor and went to sea, crossed the Bar at 12, M. Whilst being in S.F., discharged the major portion of the ship's company and shipped others in their places, discharged our whale-bone and put it on board ship Prima Donna, for conveyance to Boston.

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light westerly winds; with some rain squalls. Steering a southeasterly course. Lat. 35° 14' N. Since the 24<sup>th</sup>, have had considerable, strong, southerly winds, with heavy squalls, occasionally.



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Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, December, 1864.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Light and moderate variable northwesterly winds. Steering southeasterly. Lat,  $30^{\circ} 05'$  N.

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate northwesterly winds. Passed 40. the westward of Gaudaloupe Island. Lat,  $28^{\circ} 45'$ .

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Light and moderate northerly winds. Saw the Cerros, Is, and the California Coast. Lat,  $28^{\circ} 04'$ .

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Cruising to the southeasterly. Caught a blackfish. Lat  $23^{\circ} 26'$ .

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. At five P.M., came to an anchor in Margarita Bay, in 22 fathoms of water.

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable, northerly winds, and calms. The boats cruising for humpback whales.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Light northerly winds; with fog in the forepart. Three boats chasing humpbacks in the afternoon; but they were so shy, that we did not succeed in striking them. At seven in the evening, took the anchor, made necessary sail, and left Margarita Bay, steering south by west.

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, December, 1865.

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Light northerly winds. Steering southeasterly.  
Saw land near Cape St Lucas. Lat,  $23^{\circ}55'$  N.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northerly winds. Caught 2 blackfish.  
Under topgallant sails; cruising to the eastward.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong moderate and light northerly  
winds. Looked for blackfish. Lat,  $21^{\circ}44'$ .

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Light northerly winds. Saw one of the Tres  
Maria Islands, bearing east southeast. Lat,  $21^{\circ}36'$ .

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Light moderate and middling strong northerly  
winds. Cruising near the Tres Marias. Lat,  $21^{\circ}26'$ .

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate northerly winds.  
Spoke ship Emma C Jones of N B. Lat,  $21^{\circ}06'$ .

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Light northerly winds. Cruising to the southeastward.  
Saw land near Cape Corientes. Lat,  $20^{\circ}56'$ . Lon,  $106^{\circ}42'$  W.

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Light variable winds. Cruising along to the  
southeastward. Latitude,  $19^{\circ}45'$  north.



Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, December, 1864.

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable northwesterly winds. Cruising to the southeastward. Latitude,  $18^{\circ}16'$  north.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Cruising to the southeastward. Lat,  $15^{\circ}13'$ . Lon,  $103^{\circ}04'$  west.

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Sent up the crossjack, and mizzen-top-sail, yards. Latitude,  $13^{\circ}51'$ .

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Light northwesterly winds. Bent a new mizzen-top-sail. Cruising southeastward Lat,  $12^{\circ}35'$ . Lon,  $102^{\circ}56'$ .

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable northeasterly winds. The ship under requisite sail; cruising to the southeastward. Sent aloft the mizzen-top-sail, yard and sail. Lowered for blackfish Lat,  $11^{\circ}30'$ .

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong variable northeasterly winds with some rain. Under prudent sail steering southeastward. Lat,  $7^{\circ}40'$  N.

Ship Thomas Dickson, January, 1865.

Civil account.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Middling strong, moderate, and light, variable, southeasterly winds. The ship under requisite sail, on the port tack. Latitude,  $06^{\circ}25'$  north.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Moderate, variable, southeasterly, winds; with rain squalls. Under prudent sail, on opposite tacks.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, variable, southeasterly, winds. Cruising for whales. Lat,  $03^{\circ}48'$ . Lon,  $103^{\circ}13'W$ .

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, southeasterly, winds; with some squalls. On the port tack. Lat,  $00^{\circ}56'$ .

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeasterly winds. Signalized an English ship steering northward. Saw a shoal of sperm whales, and captain S, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> officer, caught, one each. Lat,  $00^{\circ}05'$ .

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeasterly winds. The ship on opposite tacks. Boiling blubber. Lat,  $00^{\circ}16'$ . Lon,  $110^{\circ}46'$ .

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeasterly winds. Chasing sperm whales with the ship from 8 A.M. until sundown. Latitude,  $00^{\circ}10'$ . Lon,  $110^{\circ}49'$ .

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate S.E. winds. Cruising for whales. Lat,  $00^{\circ}30'$ . Lon,  $110^{\circ}08'$ .



Ship Thomas Dickason, January, 1865.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeasterly winds, with squalls.  
On the port tack. Lat,  $08^{\circ}00'$  S. Lon,  $110^{\circ}48'$  west.

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate southeast trades. Cruising for sperm whales.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong southeast trade winds. Cruising. Lat,  $05^{\circ}20'$ . Lon,  $113^{\circ}09'$ .

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate S E trades. Cruising. Lat,  $04^{\circ}56'$ . Lon,  $113^{\circ}11'$ .

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate & middling strong S E trades. Cruising.  $05^{\circ}16'$ .  $113^{\circ}55'$ .

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate S E trades. Cruising. Lat,  $03^{\circ}50'$ . Lon,  $113^{\circ}04'$ .

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeast trades. Cruising. Saw a vessel bound to the N.W. Latitude,  $04^{\circ}20'$ .

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeast trade winds.  
The ship under requisite sail, cruising for whales Lat  $00^{\circ}42'$  N. Lon,  $110^{\circ}08'$ .

# Ship Thomas Dickson, February, 1865.

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Light and moderate S E trades. (The ship under requisite sail; cruising for whales. Lat,  $00^{\circ}20'N$ .

Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Light and moderate variable. southerly winds. Cruising under necessary sail. Lat,  $00^{\circ}20'S$ . Lon,  $112^{\circ}05'W$ .

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate variable. southerly winds, with some squalls. Cruising for whales. Lat,  $00^{\circ}00'$ .

Mon, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Light southeast tradewinds. (The ship under requisite sail on the southern tack. Lat,  $01^{\circ}45'S$ . Lon,  $113^{\circ}10'$ .

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate southeast trades. (Under requisite sail; cruising for whales. Lat,  $05^{\circ}25'$ .

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southeast trade-winds. Cruising for sperm. Lat,  $04^{\circ}50'$ . Lon,  $115^{\circ}06'$ .

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate S E trades. Spoke bark Martha of New Bedford. Lat,  $04^{\circ}50'$ . Lon,  $115^{\circ}28'$ .

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Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate S E trades. At 2 P.M., John Francis, (boatswain) fell from the mizzen shrouds to the deck; receiving injuries, which, probably will prove fatal. Lat,  $04^{\circ}20'$ .



# Ship Thomas Dickason, February, 1865.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>

Light southeast trades. At 11 A.M. John Francis died from injuries received (yesterday) by falling from the mizzen rigging to the deck. Latitude,  $03^{\circ}26'$  south.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>

Light S.E. trades. At 9 A.M. buried the remains of John Francis. Lat,  $02^{\circ}20'$ .

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades with some squalls. Signalized a Chilean bark, bound southwestward. Latitude  $09^{\circ}00'$ .

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>

Moderate S.E. trades Picked up a dead sperm whale Latitude,  $00^{\circ}12'$ , north.

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Moderate southeast trades. Lat,  $00^{\circ}46'$ , S.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate S.E. trades Lowered for blackfish. 0340.  $121^{\circ}28'$  W.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderate S.E. trades. Lowered for sperm whales just before sunset. Lat,  $01^{\circ}05'$  Lon,  $123^{\circ}30'$ .

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Moderate southeast trades. Bent a new maintopgallant rail. Lat,  $01^{\circ}20'$  Lon,  $123^{\circ}28'$ .

## Ship Thomas Dickson, March, 1865.

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate S E trade winds. Working to the southward. Lat,  $0^{\circ}25'$  S. Lon,  $124^{\circ}15'$  W.

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Light southeast trade winds. Cruising to the southward. Lat,  $12^{\circ}42'$ .

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. Lat,  $14^{\circ}25'$  Lon,  $124^{\circ}48'$ .

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. Course, S by E. Saw a shoal of sperm whales. Lat,  $14^{\circ}40'$ .

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable, easterly winds. Course, S by E. Lat,  $16^{\circ}45'$  Lon,  $125^{\circ}06'$ .

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Light, variable, winds. Course, S. Lat,  $18^{\circ}19'$   $125^{\circ}30'$ .

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. Course, S by W. Lat,  $19^{\circ}40'$ .

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable easterly winds. Course, S by W, S S W by S. Lat,  $21^{\circ}45'$  Lon,  $126^{\circ}26'$ .

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate easterly winds. About 4 P. M. saw Elisabeth Island, bearing S S W, about fifteen miles distant. Steering, S W by S. Lat,  $23^{\circ}40'$  Lon,  $128^{\circ}08'$ .



# Ship Thomas Dickason, March, 1865.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, variable, northeasterly, winds. Arrived at Pitcairn Island, at 2 P.M. Lat,  $25^{\circ}06'$ , S. Lon,  $130^{\circ}21'$  W.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, variable, easterly, winds. At Pitcairn I.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Strong easterly winds. "Off and on" at Pitcairn Island.

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate easterly winds. About sunset, left Pitcairn I. Whilst there, we got some wood, potatoes, (sweet) goats, fowls, pork, and fruit.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Moderate, variable, N.E. winds. Carrying shudding sails. Course, S.E. by E. Lat,  $28^{\circ}03'$ . Lon,  $129^{\circ}33'$ .

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, variable, winds; with some rain. Course, southeast by East. Latitude,  $30^{\circ}35'$ .

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong variable easterly winds. On the port tack.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, N.E. winds Course, E.S.E. Lat,  $36^{\circ}05'$ . Lon,  $125^{\circ}54'$ .

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Middling strong, moderate, and light, variable, westerly, winds. Steering E by S. Lat,  $38^{\circ}20'$ . Lon,  $118^{\circ}21'$ .

## Ship Thomas Dickason, April, 1865.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup>.Moderate and middling strong, N.W. wind.  
Steering E. & E. by N. Lat,  $38^{\circ}45'$ ; S. Lon,  $115^{\circ}19'$  W.Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.Middling strong, westerly winds. Courses,  
E by N, & E. N. E. Carrying a lower, topmast,  
and topgallant, studding sail. Lat,  $38^{\circ}42'$ . Lon,  $110^{\circ}38'$ .Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>.Moderate, westerly winds, with squalls of rain.  
Steering, N. E. by E. Latitude,  $38^{\circ}01'$ . Lon,  $98^{\circ}04'$ .Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>.Light westerly winds. Saw a ship steering to the eastward  
carrying all sail; steering E. N. E. Lat,  $38^{\circ}48'$ . Lon,  $91^{\circ}29'$ .Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>.Moderate and middling strong westerly winds.  
Steering, E by N. Lat,  $38^{\circ}35'$ . Lon,  $83^{\circ}56'$  west.Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>.Moderate variable southeasterly winds.  
Courses, E. N. E. & E by N. Lat,  $36^{\circ}54'$ . Lon,  $76^{\circ}38'$ .Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>.Moderate and light westerly and  
southerly winds. At sunrise, saw the coast  
of Chili, steered for it, entered Salcedo  
Bay at 4 P.M., and came to an anchor at 8,  
(when nearly up to the regular anchorage)  
with the port anchor, in about 9 fathoms of water.  
Latitude,  $36^{\circ}44'$  south.



Ship Thomas Dickson, April 1865.

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable southerly winds. At 9 A.M. took the anchor boat to the anchorage, and came to again, in 3½ fathoms.

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable airs. Employed at washing ship.

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate southerly winds.

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Light, moderate, and strong, northerly winds. At 8 A.M. let go the 2<sup>nd</sup> anchor, and took it again at 4 P.M.

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds. Took on board some fresh water, and about 60 bbls of oil, on freight.

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

Light and moderate southerly winds. At 4 P.M. took the anchor, and went to sea. Whilst being in Salcamano the following named seamen deserted from the ship. Names: — Bechino, Manuel Quintos, Barton Davis, Frank Tanashee, — Mac Donald, E. Smith, Wm. Gray, and William Paul.

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light variable southerly winds. On the port tack. Lat, 38° 52' S. Lon, 80° 24' west.

# Ship Thomas Dickson, May, 1865.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate and light, variable, winds.  
Course S by E. Lat, 37° 53', S.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Light, moderate, & middling strong variable winds. Carried away a topmast studding sail boom. Course S S E. Lat, 39° 58'. Lon, 82° 26'.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Southwesterly winds, with variable force.  
Course, S S E. Lat, 44° 24'. Lon, 80° 49'.

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong variable westerly winds, with strong squalls. Course, S S E. Lat, 44° 32'. Lon, 80° 56'.

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Strong variable westerly winds, with some snow. Course S S E. Bent a new foretopmast staysail. No observation.

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong southerly and westerly winds. Courses S E, S S E by E. At noon passed ~~two~~ icebergs. Estimated lat, 54° 40'. Est lon, 76° 00'.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong and moderate northwesterly winds. Steering about E by S. Saw four ships, Henry Brigham of San Francisco and Advance of Liverpool (two unknown) No observation.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and middling strong northerly, & northwesterly winds. Steering E by N, & N E. At 8 & 11 M saw the Diego Ramirez Islands, bearing N E, and about 20 miles distant.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light northwesterly winds. Steering about E. Saw an iceberg, and a bark, bound for E.  
Lat 56° 02'. Lon 62° 12'.  
56° 40' 65° 04'.



# Ship Thomas Dickason, May, 1865.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>.

Light, moderate and middling strong variable northerly winds. On the eastern tack. Saw 4 vessels, bound to the N.E. Lat,  $56^{\circ}02'$ , S. Lon,  $62^{\circ}12'$ , west.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light northeasterly winds. Spoke bark Templar, Bartlett, N.Y., Cork. Lat,  $55^{\circ}46'$  Lon,  $55^{\circ}49'$ .

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

Moderate, and middling strong, northeasterly, winds. Died, at 3 P.M., Jonathan Johnston, seaman; Deceased had been deranged for several months, was about 35 years of age, and is supposed to have belonged to Missouri. Lat,  $55^{\circ}10'$ .

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, and middling strong, N, N.E. & N.W. winds. Under pendant sail; on the port tack. Lat,  $53^{\circ}15'$  Lon,  $50^{\circ}01'$ .

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, and moderate, northwesterly, winds. Steering N.W. & N.E. by N. Lat,  $50^{\circ}51'$  Lon,  $43^{\circ}33'$ .

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong variable westerly winds; with strong squalls of sleet and rain. Steering N.E. & north northeast. Lat,  $45^{\circ}52'$  Lon,  $36^{\circ}31'$ .

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Middling strong, northwesterly, winds; with some squalls. Steering N.W. Lat,  $39^{\circ}52'$ .

## Ship Thomas Dickason, June, 1865.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>.Moderate, and middling strong, westerly, and northerly winds. Course N. E. Lat,  $3^{\circ} 33'$  S. Lon,  $50^{\circ} 52'$  W.Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.Moderate westerly winds. Course N. by E. Saw two vessels bound to the southward. Lat,  $3^{\circ} 14'$  S. Lon,  $28^{\circ} 45'$  W.Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>.Moderate and light northwesterly winds. Lat,  $25^{\circ} 45'$  S.Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>.Light variable northwesterly winds, and calms. Course, N. by W. Lat,  $22^{\circ} 11'$  S. Lon,  $25^{\circ} 11'$  W.Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>.Light and moderate winds varying from S.W. to S.E. Saw 4 vessels going to the N. Course N. by W. Lat,  $20^{\circ} 28'$  S. Lon,  $25^{\circ} 52'$  W.Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>.Moderate southeast trade winds. Steering north by west. Lat,  $15^{\circ} 29'$  S. Lon,  $28^{\circ} 12'$  W.Monday 12<sup>th</sup>.Moderate southeast trades. Spoke bark Naomi of Liverpool, for Callao. Course N. by W. Lat,  $12^{\circ} 35'$  S. Lon,  $30^{\circ} 39'$  W.Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>.Fresh, and moderate southeast trades. Steering N. by W. S. E. Lat,  $06^{\circ} 53'$  S. Lon,  $33^{\circ} 41'$  W.Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>.Moderate S. E. trades. Course N. by W. Lat,  $04^{\circ} 20'$  S. Lon,  $37^{\circ} 00'$  W.



# Ship Thomas Dickson, June 1865.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate and light, southeast, trade winds.  
Steering  $\text{S N } \frac{1}{2} \text{ W}$ . Latitude,  $03^{\circ}44'$  north.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate variable easterly winds.  
Steering  $\text{N E } \frac{1}{2} \text{ W}$ . Lat,  $07^{\circ}12'$ . Lon,  $40^{\circ}14'$  W.

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moderate,  $\text{N E}$  trade, with some squalls  
Carrying requisite sail. Course  $\text{N W } \frac{1}{2} \text{ E}$ . Lat,  $14^{\circ}06'$ . Lon,  $47^{\circ}55'$ .

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, northeast, trade-winds.  
Carrying all sail. Steering  $\text{N W}$ .  
Latitude,  $15^{\circ}45'$ . Longitude,  $50^{\circ}00'$ .

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate northeast trade-winds.  
Under all sail; steering northwest.  
Saw a vessel, bound  $\text{S E}$ . Lat,  $20^{\circ}01'$ . Lon,  $55^{\circ}43'$ .

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

Light northeasterly winds. Carrying all  
sail. Steering  $\text{N W}$ . Lat,  $23^{\circ}28'$ . Lon,  $60^{\circ}21'$ .

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Light, variable, northeasterly  
winds. The ship under all sail.  
Courses northwest by north, and north-  
northwest. Latitude,  $25^{\circ}40'$ . Lon,  $62^{\circ}46'$ .

# Ship Thomas Dickason, July, 1865.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Light, variable, southerly, winds. Saw three vessels. Steering et N W. Lat,  $27^{\circ}44'$ . Lon,  $63^{\circ}54'$ , W.

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Light variable winds; with thunder showers. Saw 2 vessels. Employed at washing the ship on the outside. No celebration Lat,  $30^{\circ}18'$ . Lon,  $63^{\circ}20'$ .

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, and, middling strong, variable, winds. Course et N by E. Lat,  $32^{\circ}52'$ . Lon,  $63^{\circ}53'$ .

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>.

Moderate, variable, winds; principally from the westward. Spoke bark Eliza of C B. Course et N by E. Lat,  $36^{\circ}31'$ . Lon,  $68^{\circ}36'$ .

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Light, moderate, and middling strong, variable, winds. Course et N W. Lon,  $70^{\circ}45'$ .

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lat,  $41^{\circ}40'$ . Light, and moderate, variable, winds; principally from the southward, with some rain in the latter part. Between 4 & 5 P.M. (when steering about et E) saw Cuttyhunk, and the Light Boat, ahead; took a pilot-boat soon after, and came to an anchor near Clarks Point about 8 P.M. Thus ends the voyage of ship Thomas Dickason, and the sailings of J. Edward. Braler, who sailed as second, and returned as first officer, of the aforesaid vessel.































